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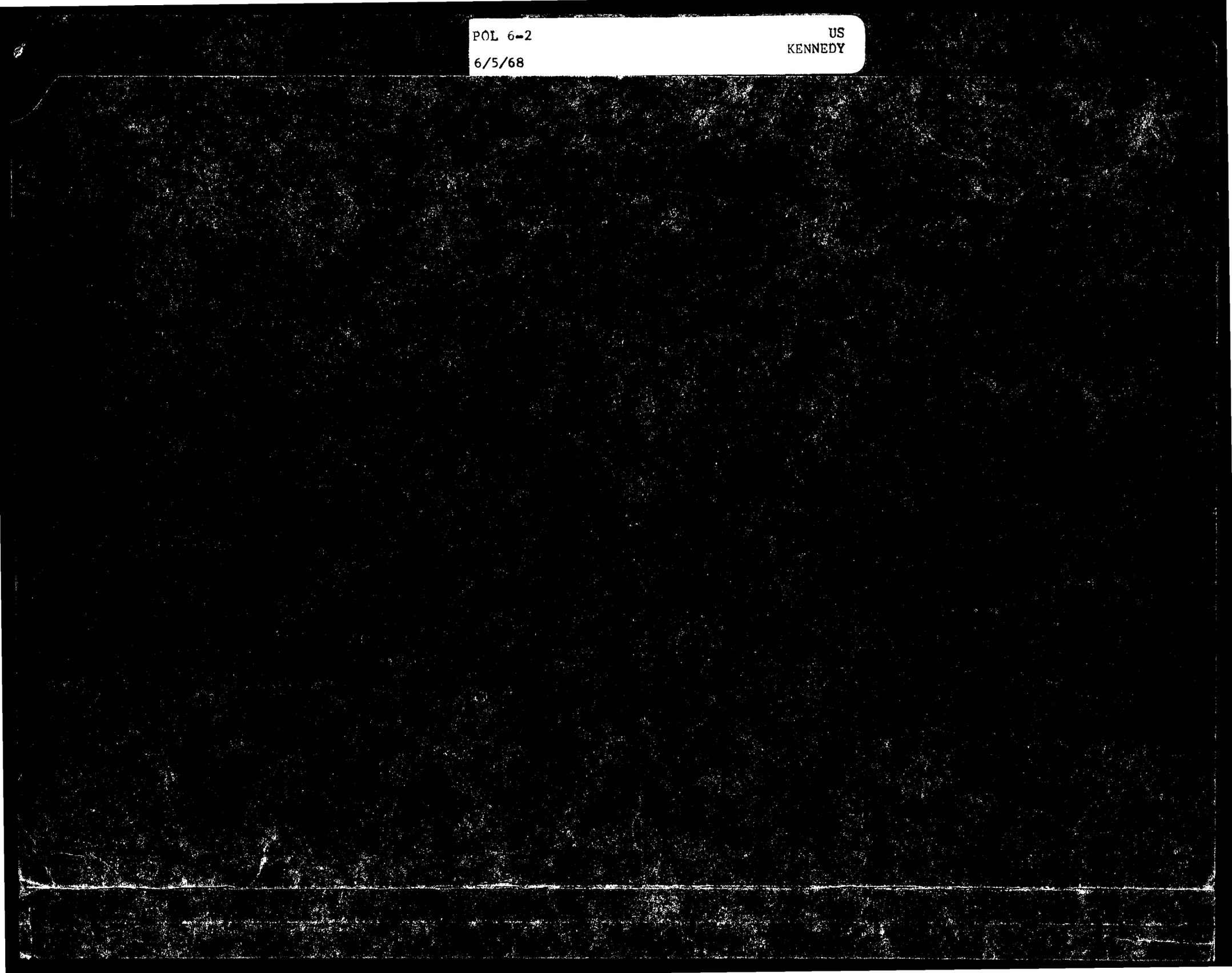

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTEL.

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SUBJECT: African Reactions to Kennedy Assassination

Reports from AF posts indicate great majority of African governments and peoples have reacted to assassination of Senator Kennedy with expressions 1) of profound shock and sorrow; 2) of sympathy and of condolence to the Kennedy family and to the American people; and 3) of concern over lawlessness and violence in the United States.

A few posts however report more extreme reactions:

1. Charge Algiers states that when he talked with half dozen Fonoff officials, they acted as if under instructions to say nothing. They offered no condolences, no expressions of regret, and asked no questions. PAO reported similar coolness and extreme reluctance to talk on part Algerian press and information officials. Arab diplomats in Algiers (except Tunisian Ambassador) likewise did not want to talk about matter. Embassy suggests possible reasons for Algerian reserve may include fact shooting occurred June 5, which is anniversary of shame and disgrace to Arabs; Arab origin of alleged assassin and Algerian apprehension about what investigations might uncover; very real Algerian resentment over Senator's speech at Portland,

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2. Embassy Bamako reports that although news treatment of assassination in L'Essor of June 7 relatively factual and balanced, paper contained "brutal" editorial (which we have not yet received). Ambassador expressed to Fonoff Asst Secgen Amadou Thiam shock and disappointment, stated editorial could only inflame Malian emotions and risk creating attitude of hostility toward US, and expressed hope GOM would not repeat editorial on Radio Mali. Nevertheless editorial was carried on radio.

Embassy comments that, in addition giving vent genuinely felt indignation, editorial also served drive home some basic tenets of revolutionary ideology in extreme formulation not necessarily subscribed to by all of Malian leadership. Embassy doubts there will be repetition on same level of intensity.

3. Khartoum papers quoted statements of political leaders expressing sorrow over Kennedy death, but ~~redat~~ editorially assailed American barbarism, violence and terrorism. Official spokesman and Minister of Information told LONA (Local News Agency of Sudan) that the Sudan regrets Kennedy's death, but went on to say movement for peace in Viet-Nam led by the Kennedy brothers is rejected by Zionist monopolies and cartels in America. Also said it is definite that Zionist economic and social interests had instigated murder of Senator Kennedy and of President Kennedy before him.

4. In Committee of 24 on June 7, Tanzanian Perm Rep Danieli expressed regrets over Kennedy death. He then proceeded to generalize gratuitously, characterizing US society, inter alia, as "conceived in violence, nourished and nurtured in violent and immoral wars, at home and abroad." This is only instance such gratuitously

insulting observations in any UN organ during ~~may~~ many expressions condolences by delegations of all political colorations. No official comment as yet from President Nyerere, although he has sent personal message to Kennedy family.

5. Embassy Lusaka reports that Kaunda, in speech at airport on arrival home from visits Kenya and Uganda, put responsibility for assassination on USG for providing inadequate protection. Embassy was concerned that Kaunda's remarks included some which unwittingly may be viewed by Zambians as simply invitation to "hate America", and notes that some among group of civil servants, ministers, and party officials in VIP area responded to Kaunda's remarks by shouting anti-American epithets and comments. However, tension has eased and memorial services took place without incident or further threatening gestures. Embassy believes crisis has passed.

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1. APPROXIMATELY 4,300 INSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN EMBASSY'S BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE SINCE MIDDAY THURSDAY.

2. EMBASSY INTENDS ACKNOWLEDGE THESE, PLUS GIFTS OF FLOWERS AND LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVED, WITH PAID NOTICE IN FIVE WARSAW NEWSPAPERS. NOTICE HOPEFULLY TO APPEAR JUNE 11.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF CONDOLENCE BOOKS. IF POSSIBLE, WE WISH TO RETAIN THEM FOR TWO WEEKS FOR STUDY BY USIA ANALYST PETER JANICKI IF DEPT AND AGENCY PERCEIVE NO OBJECTIONS. JENKINS

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SUBJ: REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY

1. NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH REACHED KAMPALA AS DELEGATES TO FIRST UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS CONVENTION IN FOUR YEARS WERE CONVENING. WHILE THIS IN NO WAY SOFTENED BLOW FOR THE MANY AFRICANS WHO GREATLY LOVED SENATOR AND WHAT HE REPRESENTED, IT IS FACT THAT MINDS OF MANY LOCAL PEOPLE WERE ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL MATTERS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, PRESIDENT OBOTE BROKE NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH TO CONVENTION IN DIGNIFIED AND MOVING WAY. RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. SAME DIGNIFIED ATTITUDE CHARACTERIZED REMARKS ON RADIO AND TV, WHICH CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH UPC SECY GENL ONAMA. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR RESTRAINED AND ON WHOLE BALANCED. NO EDITORIAL CRITICISM TO DATE. WE INTERESTED NOTE KAUNDA WHO APPEARS HAVE BEEN LESS THAN TEMPERATE IN REMARKS ELSEWHERE HAD LITTLE COMMENT MAKE DURING HIS KAMPALA VISIT. ALTHO SOME AFRICANS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION HAVE BEEN CRITICAL IN REMARKS ON SITUATION IN U.S., FOR MOST PART, UGANDANS APPEAR HAVE REACTED IN SHOCK FOLLOWED BY SYMPATHY. ONE DISCORDANT NOTE CAME FROM CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP NSUBUGA WHO ISSUED SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL STATEMENT ON STATE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. PRESS COVERAGE LOS ANGELES HEARINGS ALLEGED ASSASSIN FOR MOST PART FACTUAL, WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF ROLE ACLU AND ACTS OF LA POLICE PROTECT SIRHAN'S RIGHTS. UNDOUBTEDLY APPREHENSION DR. KING'S ALLEGED KILLER IN LONDON HAS HELPED PUT THINGS IN

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PERSPECTIVE.

2. EMB ORGANIZED MEMORIAL BOOK IN USIS LIBRARY WHICH MORE SUITABLE LOCATION THAN 6TH FLOOR CHANCERY. NEARLY ONE THOUSAND VISITED AND SIGNED DURING THREE DAYS BOOK OPEN, WHICH INCLUDED OFFICIAL MOURNING DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 9. MANY CHURCH SERVICES INCLUDED PRAYERS FOR LATE SENATOR AND ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY. STUDENTS KISUBI BROTHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL ALSO DELIVERED OWN MEMORIAL BOOK TO USIS WITH NEARLY 150 SIGNATURES OF FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY. OTHER TRIBUTES INCLUDED MEMORIAL INSCRIBED ON TRADITIONAL BANANA LEAF AND SEVERAL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MRS. KENNEDY. THESE WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH. WHILE SIGNATORIES OF BOOK ON FIRST DAY LARGELY AFRICAN, LAST TWO DAYS SHOWED PREPONDERANCE ASIANS AND FINAL SIGNATURES SHOW ROUGHLY 60-40 RATIO FAVOR LATTER. VISITORS INCLUDED MANY MIDDLE LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CHURCHMEN, STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND ONE CABINET MINISTER-KAKONGE. NEARLY ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS SIGNED, INCLUDING U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

3. U.S. COMMUNITY CANCELLED ALL BUT INESCAPABLE PUBLIC APPEARANCES, FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF THROUGHOUT PERIOD.

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REFS: A. MOG 3302, B. MOG 3309

1. SOMALI OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION THROUGH DAY OFFICIAL MOURNING CONTINUED BASICALLY UNCHANGED AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED MESSAGES. SOMALIS CONTINUE TO STOP AMERICANS ON STREET TO EXPRESS THEIR CONDOLENCES.

2. CONDOLENCE BOOK REMAINED OPEN UNTIL MIDDAY JUNE 10 AND OBTAINED WELL OVER 600 SIGNATURES AND MESSAGES, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALL FRIENDLY CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND NUMBER OF GSR MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS. REMAINDER WERE RELATIVELY YOUNG INCLUDING SURPRISINGLY NUMBER OF WOMEN.

3. AT REQUEST OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY REQUIEUM MASS WAS HELD CATHEDRAL EVENING JUNE 9. NEARLY 200 PEOPLE ATTENDED MASS INCLIXING BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS OF FOREIGN COLONY AND FEW SOMALIS.

4. IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT SCERMARCHE'S MESSAGE (REF B), PRIME MINISTER TELEGRAPHED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WHITE HOUSE: "WE IN SOMALIA ARE SHOCKED TO HEAR OF TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND ON BEHALF OF SOMALIA GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME WE EXTEND TO GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THIS SAD OCCASION. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OUR DEEPEST SENTIMENTS OF SORROW BE CONVEYED

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TO MRS. KENNEDY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF BEREAVED FAMILY. HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS." THURSTON

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2498

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES ON KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM THE MINEXTAFF THIS MORNING. "THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE.

"'THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE HAVE RECEIVED WITH ALARM THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF YOUR LOVED HUSBAND SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A SYMBOL OF YOUTHFUL VITALITY DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY AMONG ALL MANKIND WHO AT THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE BECAME A VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.

"'ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE REST OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES. HONOURABLE SIAKA STEVENS, PRIME MINISTER'".

2. DEPT. IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE CONDOLENCES OF PRIME MINISTER TO MRS. KENNEDY. MINER

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SUBJ: BULGARIAN EXPLOITATION OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. BULGARIAN MEDIA HAVE EXPLOITED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY IN CRUDE PROPAGANDISTIC TERMS. CLEAR PURPOSE HAS BEEN TO VILIFY "AMERICAN DEMOCRACY" AND POLITICAL-SOCIAL SYSTEM BASED THEREON, AND BY IMPLICATION TO ENCOURAGE ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNIST SYSTEM IN BULGARIA. KEY DEVICE HAS BEEN TO IGNORE IDENTITY OF ASSASSIN AND TO DISCREDIT IN ADVANCE ANY FUTURE REVELATIONS AS TO HIS IDENTITY AND MOTIVES. BEGINNING WITH TELEVISION NEWS REPORTS JUNE 5, MEDIA HAVE PICTURED SHOOTING AS SERIES IN CHAIN WHICH BEGAN IN DALLAS AND EXTENDED THROUGH MEMPHIS. MENTION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND DR. KING INCLUDED IN MOST COMMENTARIES.

2. SEVERAL COMMENTARIES AND EDITORIALS HAVE SPOKEN OF A "POLITICAL MAFIA" WHICH HAS KILLED AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ARE THREAT TO IT. PHRASES SUCH AS "POLITICAL BANDITISM PROMOTED TO STATE POLICY", "GANGSTERISM", AND "LAW OF THE AMERICAN JUNGLE" HAVE BEEN USED.

3. MOST COMMENTARIES TOUCHING ON ASSASSIN EXPRESS DOUBT EITHER THAT SIRHAN WAS KILLER OR THAT HE ACTED ON HIS OWN. MEDIA HAVE REFERRED TO "AMERICAN PROPAGANDA MACHINE" TRYING TO DEPICT SIRHAN, LIKE OSWALD, AS SOLITARY FIGURE.

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4. ONE OF CRUDEST AND MOST VICIOUS PIECES IS BY STEFKA POPOVA IN WEEKLY POGLED JUNE 10 WHICH SAYS "EVERY INFLUENTIAL

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SUBJECT: LOCAL OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY OVER DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY UNLEASHED IN THIS AREA AN EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT--A COMBINATION OF DEEP SYMPATHY FOR AMERICAN'S LOSS AS WELL AS A STUNNED INCOMPREHENSION OF THIS RENEWED MANIFESTATION OF VIOLENCE FOLLOWING SO QUICKLY UPON THE HEELS OF THE KING ASSASSINATION--WHICH APPROACHED THAT WITNESSED UPON THE EQUALLY TRAGIC DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY 4 1/2 YEARS AGO. WITHIN HOURS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, DOZENS OF MUNICH'S CITIZENS--INCLUDING SUCH NOTABLES AS LORD MAYOR VOGEL--HAD ALREADY SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOK AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE BOOK, WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN THROUGH TOMORROW (JUNE 12), ALREADY HAS OVER 2500 SIGNATURES IN IT AND WE HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM GERMANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

2. THE MUCH-ABUSED PHRASE "BY POPULAR DEMAND" IS GENUINELY APPLICABLE WITH REGARD TO THE INITIATION OF PLANS FOR THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MUNICH'S AMERICA HOUSE ON JUNE 12. FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICH'S PRESS AND

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MANY CITIZENS HAD CALLED AMERICA HOUSE LAST FRIDAY (JUNE 7) TO INQUIRE NOT IF, BUT WHEN, SUCH A SERVICE WAS BEING HELD. IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, MOREOVER, THAT CSU LANDTAG DEPUTY ROLAND FRIEDRICH MESSNER, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR A GROUP OF HIS COLLEAGUES, APPEARED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 7 TO CONVEY PERSONALLY AND VIGOROUSLY TO ME THE EXPECTATION THAT "OF COURSE, THERE MUST BE A SERVICE IN AMERICA HOUSE JUST LIKE THE ONE WHICH WAS HELD FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY 1963. OTHERWISE THE GERMAN PEOPLE WILL SIMPLY NOT UNDERSTAND." OUR INITIAL RESERVATIONS THAT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WAS NOT QUITE THE SAME THING AS A PRESIDENT IN OFFICE WERE BRUSHED ASIDE WITH THE COMMENT "THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT A KENNEDY IS DIFFERENT."

3. THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON JUNE 12 AT AMERICA HOUSE WILL INCLUDE REMARKS BY MYSELF AND BY HERR MESSNER. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL OFFER PRAYERS, AND TWO DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN OPERA AND CONCERT SINGERS-- CLARE WATSON AND THOMAS CAREY -- WILL SING.
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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH: LOCAL REACTION

1. DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY RECEIVED HEAVY COVERAGE URUGUAYAN PRESS JUNE 6-9. ONE PAPER, EL DIA, PUBLISHED SPECIAL EIGHT-PAGE EDITION JUNE 6 DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY LIFE AND DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY. ALMOST ALL PAPERS CARRIED EDITORIALS EXPRESSING SHOCK AND DISMAY AT SUDDEN VIOLENT DEATH OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LEADER. SOME EDITORIALS DEPLORED INCREASING FREQUENCY OF VIOLENCE IN UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SEVERAL ASKED HOW THIS CAN BE HAPPENING IN MOST ADVANCE COUNTRY IN WORLD. FOR MOST PART EDITORIALS SIMPLY RAISED THIS QUESTION WITHOUT ATTEMPTING ANSWER IT OR INDICT AMERICAN SOCIETY.

2. FAR-LEFT PRESS HAS USED KENNEDY DEATH TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST UNITED STATES. COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN EL POPULAR HAS CARRIED ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS UNDER HEADLINES SUCH AS "US -- REIGN OF CRIME CONTINUES," "DEMOCRACY OF GANGSTERS," AND "SOCIETY OF CRIME." SOCIALIST WEEKLY IZQUIERDA AND FAR-LEFT INTELLECTUAL WEEKLY MARCHA HAVE ALSO CARRIED VITRIOLIC EDITORIALS CONDEMNINGAMERICAN SOCIETY (SEE A-759).

(1) 3. APPROXIMATELY 1,400 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED EMBASSY AND EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOKS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN RECEIVING NUMEROUS LETTERS, TELEGRAMS AND PHONE CALLS FROM URUGUAYANS WISHING EXPRESS THEIR SORROW. LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH HELD MEMORIAL MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY JUNE 8 WHICH SEVERAL HUNDERED PERSONS ATTENDED. PRESIDENT PACHECO AND FONMIN FLORES

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CABLED THEIR CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SECRETARY RUSK RESPECTIVELY. SENATE PAID HOMAGE TO SENATOR AT JUNE 5 SESSION AFTER SHOOTING AND AT SPECIAL SESSION IN HIS HONOR JUNE 6. TOPPING

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FROM : American Consulate, TRIESTE DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : Reaction to Assasination of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

The assasination of Senator Robert Kennedy has had a profound impact throughout this Consular District. The Consulate has received more than 50 letters and telegrams from officials, organizations and individuals throughout the District, including the Prefect and the Mayor of Trieste, the President of the Regional Junta, the President of the Regional Council, the Archbishop of Trieste and the Consular Corps of Trieste and Venice. More than 3000 persons visited the Italo-American Association to sign the Book of Condolences made available under a photograph of Senator Kennedy draped with an American flag. All the officers of the Consulate have been approached by innumerable friends, and strangers, who wished to express their sorrow.

Both in Trieste and Venice all activity throughout the cities - in factories, offices, courts, railways, etc. - was halted for five minutes on Friday, June 7 in tribute to Senator Kennedy. The Mayor of Trieste offered a special eulogy at a formal meeting of the City Council.

This extraordinary outpouring of emotion has only been exceeded in recent years by that following the assasination of President Kennedy. It reflects not only the underlying pro-Americanism existing in this Consular District as a whole and in Trieste in particular, but also the very great impact which President Kennedy and later Senator Kennedy exercised on untold millions around the world.

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Apart from widespread grief, the principal reaction in this Consular District appears to be one of relief (a) that the asassination of Senator Kennedy apparently did not involve a conspiracy and (b) that it was not associated with civil violence. Finally, most of the comments made to the reporting officer have expressed hope that somehow better protection can be afforded public officials generally in the future, particularly through rigorous controls over weapons.

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FROM : Amconsul NASSAU

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : Message of Condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The Consulate General has been asked by the Very Reverend Dr. W. G. McPhee, Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Nassau, to transmit the attached expression of condolences to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT SOME 3,700 PERSONS CALLED AT THE CHANCERY BETWEEN THURSDAY AND SUNDAY AND SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOK IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. A NUMBER OF LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED. THE BOOKS AND THE LETTERS TOGETHER WITH THOSE FROM THE CONSULATES GENERAL WILL BE CONSOLIDATED HERE AND SEND IN DUE COURSE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. A REQUIEM MASS WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA IN WHICH ECCLESIASTICS OF OTHER FAITHS PARTICIPATED AND WAS ATTENDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMBASSADORS ETC. BUTTERWORTH

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Attention Mrs Mullett
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Condolence Message from His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, on the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

The President has received the enclosed message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy from His Holiness, Pope Paul VI.

A suggested message of reply is enclosed.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Papal message.
2. Suggested message of reply.

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM PRESIDENT TO POPE PAUL:

QUOTE:

YOUR HOLINESS:

I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR COMPASSIONATE MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE UPON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WE DRAW STRENGTH FROM YOUR PRAYERS FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS AND FOR THE NATION AT THIS SAD MOMENT.

I AM PLEASED THAT ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE COOKE HAS AGREED TO SERVE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO SEEK OUT THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY.

SENATOR KENNEDY BELIEVED THAT AMERICANS COULD, IF THEY WOULD, END THE BLIGHT OF POVERTY AND BIGOTRY. IN THIS HE WAS AT ONE WITH THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THE UNITED STATES HAS ENJOYED FOR THE PAST THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

I MUST REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM DURING THE PARIS TALKS. MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE MOUNTED A SAVAGE, INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK ON SAIGON--ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND ON ORDINARY CITIZENS ALIKE.

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THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION THAT THESE ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS ARE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO SHAKE THE GOVERNMENT, BUT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMUNISTS HOLD THE MILITARY INITIATIVE--AND THEREFORE TO SECURE AN ADVANTAGE IN PARIS. IT IS A TRAGEDY--ONE OF MANY IN THIS WAR--THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM MUST SUFFER AS THEY DO BECAUSE OF THE AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS OF THE COMMUNISTS.

I CANNOT PREDICT WHEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN PARIS; NOR CAN I ESTIMATE HOW LONG THE COMMUNISTS' OFFENSIVE WILL CONTINUE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I FEAR THAT NEITHER WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS ALL MANKIND DESIRES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE WITH WHOM WE ARE ALLIED WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK AN HONORABLE PEACE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AS WE SHALL REMAIN FIRM IN RESISTING TERROR AND AGGRESSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I DEVOUTLY HOPE THAY MY NEXT LETTER TO YOU WILL BRING MORE HOPEFUL TIDINGS. UNLESS IT IS MYSELF, I KNOW OF NO ONE ON EARTH WHO SO LONGS FOR NEWS OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN VIETNAM AS YOUR HOLINESS.

I SHALL TELL YOU THAT I HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED MY CHATS WITH THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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June 15, 1968

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the Nation at this sad moment.

I am pleased that Archbishop Terrence Cooke has agreed to serve on the Presidential Commission appointed to seek out the causes of violence in our country.

Senator Kennedy believed that Americans could, if they would, end the blight of poverty and bigotry. In this he was at one with the political leadership the United States has enjoyed for the past thirty-five years.

I must report that there has been no substantial progress toward a peaceful and just solution of the war in Vietnam during the Paris talks. Meanwhile, the Communists have mounted a savage, indiscriminate attack on Saigon -- on the government of South Vietnam and on ordinary citizens alike.

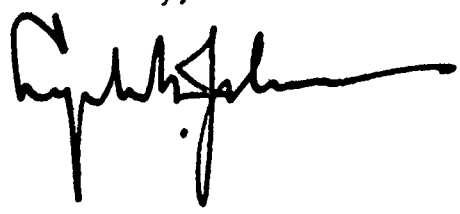
There is much speculation that these rocket and mortar attacks are designed not only to shake the government, but to give the impression that the Communists hold the military initiative -- and therefore to secure an advantage in Paris. It is a tragedy -- one of many in this war -- that the people of South Vietnam must suffer as they do because of the aggressive intentions of the Communists.

I cannot predict when the North Vietnamese representatives will be more forthcoming in Paris; nor can I estimate how long the Communists' offensive will continue in South Vietnam. I fear that neither will occur as soon as all mankind desires.

Nevertheless, the United States and those with whom we are allied will continue to seek an honorable peace at the negotiating table, as we shall remain firm in resisting terror and aggression in South Vietnam. I devoutly hope that my next letter to you will bring more hopeful tidings. Unless it is myself, I know of no one on earth who so longs for news of progress toward peace in Vietnam as Your Holiness.

I should tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington.

Sincerely,



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Pope Paul VI
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DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY AND VIOLENT PASSING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, WE OFFER YOU OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT, ASKING GOD TO CONSOLE, GUARD AND BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

PAULUS PP. VI

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Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the nation at this sad moment.

Senator Kennedy's belief in the equality of all men, his compassion for the poor, his confidence in the essential goodness of men and his unfailing courage serve as an inspiration for all. As we mourn the passing of this extraordinary young man we dare to hope that what he lived and died for may, with God's help, come to pass.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Holiness

Pope Paul VI,

Vatican City.

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SUBJECT REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REFERENCE: NAIROBI 5044

1. FURTHER OFFICIAL REACTION-PRESIDENT KENYATTA ORDERED KENYA FLAG FLOWN AT HALF STAFF ON ALL OFFICIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY JUNE 8 IN MEMORY OF SENATOR. MINISTER ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA REPRESENTED PRESIDENT AT REQUIEM HIGH MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL, NAIROBI, 10:00 A.M. JUNE 8 (MBOYA READ EPISTLE AT MASS) AND IN SAME ROLE CAME TO EMBASSY AFTERWARDS (FOR SECOND TIME: SEE REFTE) TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK. INSCRIPTION READS: "ON BEHALF OF H.E. THE PRESIDENT MZEE JOMO KENYATTA, M.P., THE GOV"T. AND PEOPLE OF KENYA, WE OWE RESPECTS TO A GREAT MAN", SIGNED T. MBOYA AND PAMELA MBOYA. REQUIEM MASS

ALSO ATTENDED BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING OSOGO (WHO ALSO SIGNED EMB. CONDOLENCE BOOK AFTERWARDS) AND NUMBER OF GOK CIVIL SERVANTS, MP"S, REPRESENTATIVES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND PUBLIC, FILLING LARGE CATHEDRAL AUDITORIUM.
MINISTRY DEFENSE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT JUNE 7 ON BEHALF OF MINISTER NJOROGE MUNGAI: "THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, DR. NJOROGE MUNGAI HAS EXPRESSED PROFOUND SHOCK OVER THE CONCENTRATION OF KILLINGS ON THE KENNEDY FAMILY. DR. MUNGAI, OBVIOUSLY DEEPLY

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UPSET BY THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY DESCRIBED THE KENNEDY FAMILY AS ONE WHICH, " HAS VERY HIGH IDEALS FOR MANKIND BOTH IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE." DR. MUNGAI ADDED THAT THE KENNEDYS STOOD FOR HOPE IN THEIR COUNTRY AND OVERSEAS. THEY STOOD FOR JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY. THE MINISTER WENT ON, "IT IS MY HOPE THAT SOMETHING WILL BE DONE TO DISCOVER THE SICKNESS OF SOCIETY WHICH DRIVES PEOPLE TO BEHAVE THIS WAY. I EXPRESS MY SYMPATHY TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, THE CHILDREN AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY IN THEIR DEEP SORROW."

2. PUBLIC AND PRESS REACTION- BEFORE SCHDULE FOR LAST RITES KNOWN HERE, EMB. ANNOUNCED JUNE 6 THAT CONDOLENCE BOOKS WOULD BE OPEN IN CHANCERY AND USIS LIBRARY FRIDAY JUNE 7 THROUGH TUESDAY, JUNE 11 (EXCEPTING SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY). STREAM OF PEOPLE COMING TO SIGN BOOKS THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 10 HAS CONTINUED UNABATED.
PRESS COVERAGE OF FUNERAL AND EVENTS SURROUNDING IT, AS WELL AS WORLD REACTION TO ASSASSINATION AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ASSASSIN WAS DOMINANT SUBJECT IN SPACE AND ATTENTION IN LOCAL PRESS THROUGH WEEK-END AND MONDAY. SUNDAY NATION COMMENTARY BY HILARY NGUENO WARNS AMERICANS AGAINST "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE AND SHAME" OVER THIS NEW MURDER OF DEVOTED PUBLIC LEADER. N'GUENO ASSERTS THAT AMERICANS AGAIN WILL ATTEMPT REJECT IDEA THAT THERE WAS CONSPIRACY BEHIND THIS MURDER, THAT " THEY WILL NOT WANT TO ADMIT TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ONE BIG CONSPIRACY WHICH ALONE EXPLAINS THE KILLING, THE SHOOTING AND THE LOOTING THAT SWEPT THROUGHOUT THEIR COUNTRY IN RECENT TIMES.... THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE: SILENCE ON THE PART OF THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS IN THE FACE OF THE APPALING CONDITIONS WHICH BREED VIOLENCE.. DIRE POVERTY AND THE SQUALOR OF GHETTO LIFE... THE INJUSTICES AND DEGRADATIONS OF RACIAL PREJUDICES AND DISCRIMINATION... THE EVIL INFLUENCES OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL-MILITARY COMPLEX... THE EVIL POWER OF GUN LOBBIES.. CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC LIFE.. THE LIP SERVICE THAT AMERICAN LEADERS CONSTANTLY PAY TO THEIR HIGH IDEALS ENSHRINED IN THEIR COUNTRY"S CONSTITUTUON". N'GUENO BELITTLES HALF-WAY MEASURES OF PAST TO CORRECT THESE ILLS, SAYS TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON

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AMERICA AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNTRY TURN INWARD AND CORRECT THESE ILLS BEFORE IT DESTROYS THE WORLD ALONG WITH ITSELF. IN N"GUENO"S WORDS" ""PERHAPS IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PROBLEMS OF VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE, AMERICANS SHOULD TURN MORE TOWARDS THEIR OWN DOMESTIC SICKNESS, SPEND MORE ON THE GHETTOS, OF AMERICA THAN ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF VIETNAM: MORE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, THAN ON THE DEVELPMENT OF OTHER PEOPLE: ATTEND TO THEIR OWN WEAKNESSES RATHER THAN THOSE OF OTHERS. THE DEVELOPING NATIONS MAY NOT BE HAPPY AT THE PROSPECTS OF REDUCED AID FROM THE UNITED STATES, BUT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND IT IF IT MEANS THAT THE NEGROES AND THE POOR OF AMERICAN WILL THEREBY BE REMOVED FROM CONDITIONS OF SQUALOR AND INJUSTICE: IF IT MEANS LESS VIOLENCE IN AMERICA, IF IT MEANS THAT AMERICA WILL BE MORALLY HEALTHIR AND THEREFORE IN A BETTER POSITION TO BE OF LASTING ASSISTANCE TO OTHER NATIONS LATER. FOR THE FERGUSON

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1. RESPONSE OF POLISH PEOPLE TO KENNEDY DEATH HAS POURED INTO EMBASSY IN FORM OF HUNDREDS OF VISITORS TO LOBBY CONDOLENCE BOOKS, PLUS LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, MOUNDS OF FLOWERS, AND GIFTS.

2. SINCE MIDDAY JUNE 6, MORE THAN 4,300 PERSONS SIGNED EMBASSY'S SEVEN BOOKS, AND MANY MORE WHO UNABLE SIGN DUE TO BIG CROWDS AT TABLES CAME TO PAY RESPECTS BEFORE PICTURE OF SENATOR WREATHED IN BLACK. BRIGHT FLOWERS OF EVERY KIND FILLED LOBBY, MANY IN VASES SET IN FRONT OF PICTURE. MANY VISITORS KNELT IN PRAYER, AND MANY WEPT. SOME BROUGHT PICTURES OF SENATOR TAKEN DURING HIS 1964 VISIT TO POLAND. CROWDS INCLUDED YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD, PEASANTS, SOLDIERS, WORKERS AND PRIESTS. MEMBERS OF POLISH GOVERNMENT CAME, AS WELL AS OF WARSAW DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. DEMAND TO SIGN BOOKS SO HEAVY EMBASSY KEEPING THEM OPEN AT LEAST UNTIL EVENING JUNE 10.

3. BIG CROWDS COLLECTED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY'S UJAZDOWSKIE SIDEWALK DISPLAY CASES DEVOTED TO SENATOR. ONE CASE, CONTAINING BLACK-RIMMED PICTURE OF KENNEDY, WAS STREWN AND HUNG WITH FLOWERS BY PASSERSBY. OTHER CASES SHOWING PICTURES FROM KENNEDY'S LIFE AND VISIT TO POLAND ATTRACTED THRONGS OF VIEWERS. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, EMBASSY LOBBY FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH VISITORS, AND CONSTANT STREAM OF PEOPLE FLOWED IN AND OUT.

4. SOLEMN MASS WILL BE CONDUCTED MONDAY, JUNE 10, AT 1800 GMT AT ST. JOGN'S CATHEDRAL IN WARSAW. MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WILL ATTEND. EMBASSY HAS

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NO REPEAT NO REASON THINK CARDINAL WILL CONDUCT MASS OR EVEN BE PRESENT. BUT DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY.

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SATURDAY MORNING ARCHBISHOP OF LAGOS HELD REQUIEM MASS IN COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY TO HONOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. MASS ATTENDED BY GENERAL PUBLIC, U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL. CONDOLENCE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM LEADING MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT, MEMBERS DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND FRIENDS OF U.S. CONDOLENCE BOOKS OPENED AT CHANCERY, RESIDENCE AND USIS INFORMATION CENTERS BEING SIGNED BY ALL LEVELS NIGERIAN SOCIETY. MATHEWS
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FOREIGN MINISTER BOMBOKO, INTERIOR MINISTER TSHISEKEDI, TRANSPORT MINISTER NENDAKA, MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMY NZEZA, ALL CAME TO EMBASSY JUNE 8TH TO SIGN BOOK FOR SENATOR KENNEDY. ALL MADE A POINT OF EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY.
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WORLD HAS MORE CAUSE TO BE FRIGHTENED OF A RICH AND POWERFUL BUT SICK AND VIOLENT AMERICA THAN OF THE DISADVANTAGES WHICH DWINDLING OF AMERICAN FOREIGN AID WOULD HAVE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, ASIA OR LATIN-AMERICA. AMERICANS WILL NEVER MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY UNTIL THEY HAVE FIRST MADE THEIR OWN COUNTRY SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY, UNTIL THEY HAVE ENDED THEIR NATIONAL CONSPIRACY OF VIOLENCE." NAIROBI SUNDAY POST EDITORIAL, JUNE 9, PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO SENATOR KENNEDY AND " TALENTED BUT TRAGEDY-RIDDEN KENNEDY FAMILY", THEN EMPHASIZES THAT " KILLER OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS A PALESTINIAN ARAB... FED ALMOST SINCE BIRTH ON THE RABID, HATE-AROUSING ANTI-ZIONISTS VENOM SPEWED FORTH INCESSANTLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. POST CONCLUDES THAT " ROBERT KENNEDY"S DEATH IS JUST AS MUCH AN INDICTMENT OF THOSE WHO SPOUT RACIAL AND SECUAR HATRED AS IT IS AN INDICTMENT OF THE LAW REGULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.... THE LOS ANGELES CRIME CONTAINS A MORAL FOR MANY WHO ARE NOT AMERICANS."
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SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY MEMORIAL SERVICES

1. MOURNERS CONTINUE ARRIVE AT EMBASSY IN STEADY BUT DWINDLING STREAM THIS CRISP AND SUNNY MONDAY MORNING TO SIGN REMEMBRANCE BOOKS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY. SCORES OF BOUQUETS AND FLORAL BASKETS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, HUNDREDS OF PHONE CALLS TO OFFICES AND HOMES OF OFFICERS AND STAFF, AND THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES CALLING CARDS, LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, IN AN ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED AND UNINTERRUPTED OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

2. ST JOSEPHJ'S, PARIS CHURCH OF ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLICS, HELD SPECIAL HIGH REQUIEM MASS SATURDAY EVENING WHICH DREW RECORD NUMBER WORSHIPPERS AND WAS ATTENDED BY ALPHAND FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT, IRISH AMBASSADOR AND REPRESENTATIVES PAPAL NUNCIO AND ARCBISHOP OF PARIS. THIS MOVING CEREMONY ALSO ATTENDED BY SHRIVER CHILDREN AND CHARGE. YESTERDAYJ'S COMMEMORATIVE CHURCH SERVICES WERE LITERALLY PACKED . 1389 PERSONS WERE COUNTED ENTERING AMERICANI PRO-CATHEDRAL WITH SCORES MORE UNDBOUBTEDLY MISSED AS PEOPLE HURRIED IN TO CEREMONY. ST. JOSEPHJ'S HAD CAPACITY CROWDS OF WORSHIPPERS ON SUNDAY AS DID AMERICAN CHURCH ON QUAI DJ'ORSAY.

3. IMPOSSIBLE CITE NAMES OF ALL DIGNITARIES AND FRENCH OFFICIALS WHO PRESENT THESE CRERMONIES OR WHO HAVE SENT MESSAGES OR SIGNED
REMEMBRANCE BOOKS, BUT LIST INCLUDES MOST AMBASSADORS TO FRANCE, NUMEROUS HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SUCH AS GENERAL DE GAULLE (PARIS

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TEL 15865), PRIME MINISTER POMPIDOU, MINISTERS SECRETARIES OF STATE MESSMER, FAURE, DEBRE, COUVE DE MURVILLE, ALPHAND AND BETTANCOURT, POLITICAL FIGURES AND GROUPS SUCH AS GUY MOLLET AND COMMUNIST PARTY. IN ADDITION TO THOSE REPORTED PARIS 5729, PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY HAVE BEEN MADE BY FRANCOIS MITTERAND, GISCARD DJ'ESTAING, MICHEL DEBRE, PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE, ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS MARTY AND STRIKING ORTF EMPLOYEES.

4. LATEST GUESSTIMATE OF TOTAL NUMBER VISITORS TO EMBASSY IS BETWEEN 18 AND 10.000 AND NUMBER CONTINUES TO GROW. MANY OLD-TIME AMERICAN RESIDENTS AMAZED AT SPONTANEITY AND SIZE OF MANIFESTATIONS.

5. ACCORDING PRESS, LATE SENATORJ'S BOOK" TO SEEK ANOTHER WORLD" WHICH RECENTLY APPEARED IN FRENCH, WAS SELL OUT AT PARIS BOOKSTORES, WHICH HAD EXHAUSTED SUPPLIES BY SATURDAY EVENING. WALLNER

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JOINT USIS-EMBASSY MESSAGE.

On June 6 over 1200 people heard Dr. Alan Paton, President of the Liberal Party of South Africa, which has been forced to disband because of the new Bill banning multi-racial political parties, deliver the 6th annual "Day of Affirmation of Academic and Human Freedom" address at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Exactly two years before Senator Robert Frances Kennedy had delivered the fourth "Day of Affirmation" address at the University of Cape Town. In his address Dr. Paton paid tribute to Senator Kennedy and extended sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and her children. Mr. John Kane-Berman, President of the Students' Representative Council at the University of the Witwatersrand who welcomed Dr. Paton, asked the audience to stand in silence for a few moments in tribute to the late Senator.

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In the closing address, Mr. John Daniel, President of the National Union of South African Students, and host to the Senator on his visit to the Republic in 1966, said that in Senator Kennedy young people "saw a hope for a new brand of politics in the future... Now that he has gone it is difficult not to despair of all hope for the future. But we will not despair; the message of Kennedy lives on and we will carry it forward."

Encl. Pix from Rand Daily Mail.

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SUDAN TV EVENING NEWSCAST JUNE 7 ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. REPORTAGE INCLUDED: REPEAT OF STATEMENT BY GOS SPOKESMAN HASSABU CARRIED PREVIOUS DAY BY PRESS, RADIO AND TV; TV CLIPS OF KENNEDY CAREER, CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN, VICTORY STATEMENT, SHOOTING IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL, AND CAPTURE OF ACCUSED; AND STILL PHOTOS OF SIRHAN BUSHARA SIRHAN. ALL NEWSCASTS RADIO OMDURMAN JUNE 7 CARRIED REUTER REPORTS ON ASSASSINATION INCLUDING FULL BACKGROUND SIRHAN BUSHARA SIRHAN.

EXCERPTS FROM "FOREIGN DIRARY" COLUMN OF RAI EL AMM JUNE 8 FOLLOW: "HE WHO BENEFITTED FROM DEATH OF JOHN KENNEDY WAS JOHNSON; AND HE WHO BENEFITTED FROM DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS HUBERT HUMPHREY, DEPUTY TO JOHNSON...IT MAY BE THAT BUSHARA SHOT KENNEDY BUT WHO PUT WEAPON IN HIS HAND AND PROVOKED, THREATENED AND PRESSURED HIM? SIRHAN IS AN ARAB AND AMERICANS ARE READY TO BELIEVE ANYTHING BAD ABOUT AN ARAB...THE SELECTION OF AN ARAB YOUNG MAN TO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE NEW OSWALD DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING KNOWN BY WORLD TODAY, WHICH IS THAT AMERICA IS GOVERNED BY CCMIME..." NOEL

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FROM : American Consulate, TRIESTE DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : Reaction to Assasination of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

The assasination of Senator Robert Kennedy has had a profound impact throughout this Consular District. The Consulate has received more than 50 letters and telegrams from officials, organizations and individuals throughout the District, including the Prefect and the Mayor of Trieste, the President of the Regional Junta, the President of the Regional Council, the Archbishop of Trieste and the Consular Corps of Trieste and Venice. More than 3000 persons visited the Italo-American Association to sign the Book of Condolences made available under a photograph of Senator Kennedy draped with an American flag. All the officers of the Consulate have been approached by innumerable friends, and strangers, who wished to express their sorrow.

Both in Trieste and Venice all activity throughout the cities - in factories, offices, courts, railways, etc. - was halted for five minutes on Friday, June 7 in tribute to Senator Kennedy. The Mayor of Trieste offered a special eulogy at a formal meeting of the City Council.

This extraordinary outpouring of emotion has only been exceeded in recent years by that following the assasination of President Kennedy. It reflects not only the underlying pro-Americanism existing in this Consular District as a whole and in Trieste in particular, but also the very great impact which President Kennedy and later Senator Kennedy exercised on untold millions around the world.

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Apart from widespread grief, the principal reaction in this Consular District appears to be one of relief (a) that the asassination of Senator Kennedy apparently did not involve a conspiracy and (b) that it was not associated with civil violence. Finally, most of the comments made to the reporting officer have expressed hope that somehow better protection can be afforded public officials generally in the future, particularly through rigorous controls over weapons.

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SUBJECT : Message of Condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

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The Consulate General has been asked by the Very Reverend Dr. W. G. McPhee, Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Nassau, to transmit the attached expression of condolences to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Message transmitted to Kennedy family, 6/20, J E Briggs

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SUBJECT : Quebec Condolences for Senator Kennedy's Death

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The assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has brought messages of condolence from all walks of life in this consular district.

Federal Sympathy

Flags on the Citadel and on Canadian federal vessels here were at half mast June 8. Many private buildings also flew the Canadian and Quebec flags at half staff. Governor General MICHENER was in residence at the Citadel this past week. Major Patrick TREMBLAY, Commandant of the Citadel and Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General, told me that His Excellency was very much disturbed at the Senator's assassination.

Lieutenant Governor Hugues LAPOINTE expressed his condolences to me.

Other Official Condolences

Premier Daniel JOHNSON announced that he had sent the official condolences of the provincial government and of all the population of Quebec to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and her "handsome family of ten children."

Enclosures:
1. Letter of June 6 from Mayor Lamontagne of Quebec
2. Translation of Enclosure 1
3. Le Soleil editorial "Robert Kennedy a succombé"
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Mr. Johnson continued: "I express the hope that from this sacrifice will come a harvest of peace and fraternity because one day, which I hope is not far away, people will realize that it serves no purpose to kill those who carry the torch of liberty because there will always be someone, some other men, to carry on in their stead." I do not know how Mr. Johnson sent his condolences, and suppose he sent them directly through public channels. They were not communicated to or through the Consulate General.

The Honorable Jean LESAGE, former Premier and now Leader of the Opposition, spoke of the assassination with "deep consternation." He continued: "We are all aware that the whole world is experiencing troubling and tragic hours. The entire world is in effervescence. Nevertheless, hate and violence will settle nothing. They can only bring anarchy."

The French Consul General and British representative expressed condolences.

Telegrams and Letters of Condolence

Telegrams and letters of condolence came from the club of Americans known as the "American Colony of Quebec," from the Mayor of Quebec (Enclosures 1 and 2) and his chief counsellor, and from private citizens known to us and from some we do not know. There have been telephone calls, including one identified only as from a "group of Canadians," to express sympathy.

Signing the Book of Condolence

Interest in signing a book appeared slowly. Indeed, my first impression was that the idea would not arise here. There have been some signatures, but in no real proportion to other expressions of sympathy.

Radio and Television

Radio and TV stations here have carried a great deal about the Senator and his tragic death. They have carried statements by the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Cardinal, etc. On June 8 Radio Station CHRC asked me for a statement, and in response I translated into French and read the President's Proclamation of June 6 declaring Sunday, June 9, a day of national mourning.

The local radio and TV stations of Radio-Canada (the French network of the CBC) carried the funeral practically all day Saturday, June 8. So did the CBC's English television transmitter.

Mail for the Widow and Family

There were some inquiries as to how to address Mrs. Kennedy. We have also received some letters for her, which we forwarded immediately.

Editorials

Le Soleil in an editorial of June 7 (Enclosure 3) wrote:

Robert Kennedy Has Succumbed

> The emotion that has stupefied the United States after the attack on and the death 25 hours later of Senator Robert Kennedy is quite understandable. In the space of a little less than five years the two most eminent members of the Kennedy family have fallen to the bullets of assassins....
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> In both cases, the Kennedys were victims of the bullets of persons who had less against the persons aimed at than against the ideas they incarnated, those of liberalism and of democracy, which are constant values of American life....
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> Moreover, the United States is an open and free society. Protocol and hierarchical barriers are reduced there to a minimum. Thus it is easy to come into contact with great political personalities, which explains how a Sirhan could slip into the hotel where Senator Robert Kennedy was celebrating his victory. Liberty includes risks. This can easily be used as an argument by regimes that deny liberty.

L'Action for June 7 carried an editorial entitled "Horrible Violence" (Enclosure 4). This editorial began:

> What nobody dared imagine in the worst of nightmares has just happened. After President Kennedy, after the Reverend Martin Luther King, it is Senator Kennedy's turn to be the victim of an unspeakably savage assassination.

Le Soleil for June 8 had an editorial entitled "Against Violence" (Enclosure 5). It concluded:

> After all the others, the assassination of Robert Kennedy has struck the imagination of Americans hard enough to mobilize all their energy to prevent violence and its causes. In the past, Americans have shown that they knew how to recognize their weaknesses and that they could take steps to remedy them. It will not be uninteresting for other countries to observe, in this respect, the evolution of the United States, because the other industrial countries are experiencing more or less the same phenomenon, which is, it seems, tied to the development of strongly urbanized societies.

CUNNINGHAM

Enclosure 2

Translation UNCLASSIFIED A-203 from Quebec

(Crest of the City of Quebec) Mayor's Office

To Mr. Francis Cunningham,
Consul General of the United States.

The violent death of Senator Kennedy, after that of his brother and of other men in public life, makes us reflect deeply on the escalation of violence not only in the United States but throughout the world.

It is rather significant to note that we constantly find youth at the origin of this violence. Perhaps certain groups use youth as the instrument of their anarchical designs.

Accordingly, this confronts the authorities, as it does all the citizens, with the great question of learning what causes this uneasiness. One thing is certain; violence in itself has never eliminated anxiety; it has created other anxieties, usually deeper and more serious.

It is impossible that those who resort to violence, or who have the intention, avowed or unavowed, of using it, are not aware that the wish to modify the established order by these extreme means leads only to a collective anarchy of which they themselves may some day be the victims.

In the name of the municipal authorities and of all the citizens of the city of Quebec, I wish to offer to the Consul General of the United States our testimonial of deep sympathy on the occasion of the mourning that afflicts the American nation at this time.

As Mayor of Quebec, city of welcome par excellence, I express the wish that this new sacrifice will have the effect of reinforcing democracy and appeasing the ferment of discord in the world.

Quebec, June 6, 1968

The Mayor of Quebec,

/s/ Gilles Lamontagne

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LE SOLEIL, QUEBEC, VENDREDI 7 JUIN 1968

Robert Kennedy a succombé

L'émotion qui a frappé de stupeur les Etats-Unis après l'attentat et la mort, 25 heures plus tard, du sénateur Robert Kennedy est bien compréhensible. En l'espace d'un peu moins de cinq ans les deux membres les plus éminents de la famille Kennedy tombaient sous les balles d'un assassin; en 1963 John Kennedy était président de son pays, en 1968 Robert Kennedy aspirait à la présidence. Ses chances d'y accéder étaient plus grandes depuis qu'il venait de remporter les "primaires" de Californie. Le moins qu'on puisse dire est que la famille Kennedy a eu un destin tragique.

Dans les deux cas, les Kennedy sont tombés sous les balles d'individus qui en voulaient moins aux personnalités visées qu'aux idéaux qu'elles incarnaient, ceux du libéralisme et de la démocratie qui sont des constantes dans la vie américaine. L'assassin de Kennedy, Oswald, était un inadapté chronique qui avait vaguement participé à des groupes d'activistes cubains et fait un séjour frustrant dans le "paradis" soviétique. Celui qui vient de mettre fin aux jours du sénateur Robert Kennedy était un arabe jordanien, qui en voulait au sénateur d'avoir préconisé une politique pro-israélienne. Les notes de l'assassin, retrouvées après le drame, témoignent de sentiments "anti-capitalistes, pro-communistes et anti-américains".

On comprend mal dès lors la Radio-Moscou de résumer cet assassinat en disant que la seule liberté qui existe aux Etats-Unis est celle de tuer. On comprend aussi difficilement l'Agence France-Presse qui écrit que "l'Amérique horrifiée, affolée, s'est pourtant réveillée hier matin pour constater que l'assassinat politique est entré dans les moeurs d'une nation névrosée et psychopathique".

Dans le cas des deux frères Kennedy la "névrose" et la "psychopathie" ne doivent pas être imputées à toute une nation mais bien aux deux assassins qui ne partageaient visiblement pas les grands idéaux de cette nation. Il ne faudrait tout de même pas inverser ici les responsabilités.

Il reste que l'assassinat récent du pasteur Martin Luther King, qui semble bien imputable à un raciste blanc, et celui des deux frères Kennedy sont le signe que la violence a trop de place aux Etats-Unis. C'est un phénomène qui n'est pas nouveau dans ce pays. Les Etats-Unis ont grandi très rapidement en faisant appel à des immigrants de tous les pays du monde. Chacun s'y est taillé sa place au soleil à la force de ses poignets. La mentalité de la "frontière" a imprégné l'existence américaine. L'absence de longues traditions y a eu ses bons et ses moins bons effets.

Au surplus, les Etats-Unis sont une société ouverte et libre. Le protocole, les barrières hiérarchiques sont réduits au minimum. On y côtoie donc facilement les grandes personnalités politiques, ce qui explique qu'un Sirhan ait pu se glisser dans l'hôtel où le sénateur Robert Kennedy célébrait sa victoire. La liberté comporte ses risques. Elle peut facilement être utilisée comme argument par les régimes qui refusent la liberté.

Il serait regrettable si ce second assassinat d'un membre de la famille Kennedy par un individu bafouillant un quelconque charabia pro-communiste conduisait à un anti-communiste primaire aux Etats-Unis; cela ne ferait que provoquer de faux problèmes et empêcher une discussion sereine des questions en jeu dans la République voisine.

Il semble que dans les deux grands partis américains et parmi les candidats à l'investiture présidentielle à l'intérieur de chaque parti on est conscient de ce danger, de celui d'une escalade verbale en politique intérieure.

La mort du sénateur Kennedy prive les Etats-Unis d'un homme politique courageux. Il n'avait pas hésité à prendre les mesures les plus fermes, lorsqu'il était procureur général de son pays, pour assurer l'égalité raciale et lutter contre le pouvoir des féodalités de toutes sortes à l'intérieur de la nation.

La disparition de Robert Kennedy change les conditions de la course à l'investiture démocrate ; la lutte se fera maintenant entre le sénateur McCarthy et le vice-président Humphrey. Ce sont deux hommes politiques de valeur. On ne peut pas moins regretter l'absence dans la politique américaine d'un lutteur infatigable et décidé comme Robert Kennedy.

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L'infecte violence

Ce que personne n'osait entrevoir dans le pire des cauchemars vient de se produire. Après le président Kennedy, après le pasteur Martin Luther King, c'est au tour du sénateur Kennedy d'être victime d'un attentat d'une indicible sauvagerie. Et l'attentat se produit dans la Californie, là où chacun a le droit de vivre à sa guise même au sein des universités d'Etat. L'attentat se produit à Los Angeles, là même où la colère des Noirs a suscité il y a quelques années la première des grandes déflagrations civiles. L'attentat se produit à deux pas de Hollywood et du Sunset Strip où la vie veut se dérouler dans la plus grande tolérance et dans l'expression des opinions les plus diverses.

On ne peut évidemment pas juger les Etats--Unis d'après le comportement de quelques groupes de fanatiques ni d'après les meurtres spectaculaires dont ils se rendent coupables. Toutefois, l'impuissance des forces de l'ordre à mettre la main sur las assassins du président Kennedy et du pasteur King incite certainement certains extrémistes à se remettre à la tâche périodiquement. Malgré l'enquête menée par le juge Warren, l'opinion américaine n'est, en effet, pas satisfaite des conclusions auxquelles en arrive l'administration des Etats-Unis quant à la mort du président Kennedy. D'autre part, malgré le déploiement de force du FBI et malgré d'innombrables contacts à travers le monde, on ne sait pas encore qui a abattu le pasteur King ni exactement pourquoi. Aujourd'hui, à l'heure même où le sénateur Kennedy s'approchait dangereusement de la Maison blanche, un nouvel assassin intervient pour lui barrer la route.

Certes, l'histoire est pleine de ces attentats perpétrés contre la personne des plus hauts gouvernants d'un pays. La France aussi, à ses heures tragiques, a tué ses rois. Cependant, jamais un pays n'a liquidé aussi systématiquement et dans un laps de temps aussi court tous ceux qui incarnaient à des titres divers l'espoir de la nation. La famille Kennedy et le pasteur King représentaient, en effet, pour la nation américaine la possibilité d'un pays où toutes les classes de citoyens pourraient enfin posséder des chances égales d'éducation et de réussite. Hors du pays, le régime Kennedy, malgré des erreurs comme celle de la Baie des Cochons, a néanmoins marqué le début de relations nouvelles avec l'Union soviétique et l'instauration des négociations à l'échelle internationale. Le sénateur Kennedy, depuis déjà plusieurs mois, avait eu le courage de s'opposer à l'administration Johnson et d'affirmer que les Etats-Unis se fourvoyaient en n'offrant pas au monde la possiblité de négociations à propos de la guerre du Vietnam. Par-delà les victimes elles-mêmes, c'est donc un espoir qu'on assassine.

Certains diront sans doute que le sénateur McCarthy avait, tout autant que le sénateur Kennedy, protesté contre le comportement de l'administration Johnson dans le conflit vietnamien. Sans doute. Cependant, le sénateur Kennedy avait mené sa campagne autant sur le front intérieur qu'à l'échelle internationale. En d'autres termes, non seulement il laissait envisager à la nation américaine la possibilité d'un nouveau comportement face au communisme nord-vietnamien, mais encore il osait miser sur les minorités américaines pour se rendre à la Maison blanche. Il y a quelques jours, le sénateur Kennedy avait osé dire qu'il se retirerait de la lutte si la Californie lui faisait faux bond. Or, une bonne moitié de la population californienne est composée de minorités diverses et c'est là précisément que le sénateur Kennedy comptait trouver ses appuis. A défaut d'un endossement par la population noire et mexicaine, le sénateur Kennedy ne se jugeait plus en mesure d'atteindre son objectif. Une telle prétention, dans le contexte américain actuel, aurait dû sonner comme un engagement formel d'amener enfin les diverses parties du pays sur un pied d'égalité. Aujourd'hui, la population noire des Etats-Unis a perdu et son leader naturel, le pasteur Luther King, et le candidat présidentiel qui aurait pu faire véritablement de la Maison blanche le symbole de l'égalité entre tous. Désormais, ce sont les extrémistes, du type Carmichael ou Rapp Brown, qui trouveront créance auprès d'une population noire qui réclame à grands cris l'amélioration de ses conditions de vie.

Laurent Laplante

Encl. 5, A-203 from Quebec

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Fais ce que dois

LE SOLEIL, QUEBEC, SAMEDI 8 JUIN 1968

Contre la violence

L'assassinat du sénateur Robert Kennedy, survenant après celui d'autres personnalités éminentes de la nation américaine a fourni l'occasion au président Johnson de présenter au Congrès une série de mesures visant à réglementer très sévèrement la vente d'armes à feu aux Etats-Unis. De ce côté là au moins on peut espérer que la leçon portera fruit et qu'à l'avenir n'importe qui aux Etats-Unis ne pourra entrer dans un magasin d'armes à feu comme on entre dans un moulin et ne pourra ensuite se servir de ces armes aux fins les moins honorables.

Si l'on tient compte des événements survenus ces dernières années dans le pays voisin, les mesures préconisées par le président Johnson n'apparaissent que comme un strict minimum: 1) suppression de la vente d'armes à feu par correspondance c'est de cette manière qu'Oswald s'était procuré la carabine dont il s'est servi pour mettre fin aux jours du président Kennedy; 2) interdiction de ventes de révolvers aux moins de 21 ans et de fusils aux moins de 18 ans; 3) ventes d'armes à feu aux seuls résidents de l'Etat dans lequelle l'arme est vendue L'indignation provoquée aux Etats-Unis par l'assassinat du sénateur Kennedy permettra sans doute de faire adopter ces mesures sévères. Elle permettra peut-être aussi de démontrer l'absurdité de la violence comme "idéal" d'action.

Tant sous l'effet de doctrines qui préconisent sourdement la subversion comme un instrument de propagation et d'influence idéologique que par un certain romantisme échevelé et à courte vue ou tout simplement par un déséquilibre psychologique patent, on ne saurait nier que la violence a progressé ces dernières années dans les sociétés industrielles modernes. Avant la dernière guerre, la violence utilisée à des fins politiques avait connu semblable ferveur sous l'effet du fascisme, du nazisme et du communisme. On a vu où cela a conduit: à des régimes fermés et dictatoriaux qui ont utilisé la violence organisée pour prendre le pouvoir, pour le maintenir et pour s'attaquer à leurs voisins.

C'est une vérité banale que d'affirmer que la violence attire la violence. Dans une société où le droit n'a pas le "monopole de la violence"; c'est-à-dire l'exclusivité de faire justice entre les hommes, de prévoir et de mettre en application les peines consécutives aux différentes sortes de délit, c'est justement l'autre violence qui s'établit. Elle entraîne les pires abus, même lorsqu'elle est pratiquée au nom de supposés grands idéaux, le propre de la vie en société étant, comme on le sait, de faire coexister des idéaux différents. D'où la nécessité d'un strict respect de la légalité, si les hommes ne veulent pas retourner à la loi de la jungle, à celle de la vendetta, la tendance d'une vendetta étant d'entraîner une autre vendetta.

Les Etats-Unis ont malheureusement subi ces dernières années trop d'actes de violence. Le moment semble venu où l'opinion publique et les dirigeants politiques doivent se soucier d'appliquer contre elle des mesures plus sévères de prévention. Mais la violence a également eu cours dans les autres pays. Ici même au Canada nous n'avons de leçon à donner à personne. Selon toutes les indications l'assassin de Robert Kennedy était un nationaliste fanatique qui se croyait animé par une grande cause. Cela se produit ailleurs. Chez nous aussi des bombes ont éclaté, qui ont fait des victimes. La violence et le refus de la légalité sont générateurs des pires désordres.

Après tous les autres, l'assassinat de Robert Kennedy a suffisamment frappé l'imagination des Américains pour mobiliser toute leur énergie à prévenir la violence et les causes qui l'engendrent. Dans le passé les Américains ont démontré qu'ils savaient constater leur faiblesse et qu'ils pouvaient prendre les moyens pour y remédier. Il ne sera pas sans intérêt pour les autres pays de surveiller à cet égard l'évolution des Etats-Unis car les autres nations industrielles subissent plus ou moins le même phénomène, qui est, semble-t-il, lié au développement des sociétés fortement urbanisées.

Encl. 1 to A-203 from Québec

Gilles Lamontagne
Maire-Mayor

Cabinet du Maire
Mayor's Office

A Monsieur Francis Cunningham,
Consul général des Etats-Unis.

La mort violente qu'a connue le Sénateur Robert Kennedy, à la suite de celle de son frère et d'autres hommes publics, nous porte à réfléchir profondément sur l'escalade de la violence non seulement aux Etats-Unis, mais de par le monde.

Il est assez significatif de constater qu'à l'origine de cette violence on retrouve constamment la jeunesse. Peut-être certains groupes s'en servent-ils comme instrument de leurs desseins anarchiques.

Cela pose donc aux autorités, comme à tous les citoyens, la grande question de savoir d'où vient ce malaise. Une chose est certaine; la violence en elle-même n'a jamais éliminé un malaise; elle en a créé d'autres, la plupart du temps plus profonds et plus graves.

Il n'est pas possible que ceux qui se livrent à la violence ou qui ont l'intention avouée ou inavouée de l'utiliser, ne puissent pas penser que l'ordre établi qu'ils veulent modifier par ce moyen extrême, ne mène qu'à une anarchie collective dont ils pourront être un jour eux-mêmes les victimes.

Au nom des autorités municipales et de tous les citoyens de la Ville de Québec, je désire offrir au Consul général des Etats-Unis notre témoignage de profonde sympathie à l'occasion du deuil qui afflige en ce moment la nation américaine.

En tant que Maire de Québec, ville d'accueil par excellence, je tiens à exprimer le voeu que ce nouveau

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sacrifice aura pour effet de renforcir la démocratie et d'apaiser les ferments de discorde dans le monde.

Québec, ce 6 juin 1968.

Le Maire de Québec,

Gilles Lamontagne

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SUBJECT: ICC LAOS AND PARIS NEGOTIATIONS

1. CANADIAN COMMISSIONER COOPER RECOUNTED THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD RECENTLY WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR ROSS REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LE DUC THO'S ARRIVAL IN PARIS. ROSS SAID THAT THE FRENCH REGARDED HIS APPEARANCE ON THE SCENE AS A SIGNAL FOR A DEAL WHICH COULD VERY WELL TAKE THIS FORM: THE DRV WOULD AGREE TO THE PRESENCE OF ICC/LAOS TEAMS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF NORTH LAOS SELECTED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH DRV ACTIVITIES IN NORTH LAOS; IN EXCHANGE THE DRV WOULD ROLL UP THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL AND AGREE TO COMPLETE FREEDOM FOR ICC/LAOS TO INVESTIGATE THROUGHOUT SOUTH LAOS. (COMMENT: THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD RECOGNIZE THE DRV'S "SPECIAL INTEREST" IN LAO PROVINCES ADJACENT TO ITS BORDERS, WHILE "ADMITTING" THAT SOUTH LAOS IS ONLY OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO THE WAR IN SVN).

2. DURING THE JUNE 7 BRITISH SIGNING OF THE FEOF AGREEMENT, ROSS ADVANCED TO ME THE THEORY THAT LE DUC THO'S PARIS ARRIVAL AUGURED A SOFTENING OF HANOI'S LINE. HE ELABORATED BY SAYING THAT SINCE THO WAS A "HARD LINER", CONCESSIONS COMING FROM HIM WOULD BE LESS SUSPECT TO DRV PUBLIC OPINION. (COMMENT: ROSS' SHY, ALMOST DIFFIDENT, MANNER MAKES HIM DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. HE IS VERY ALERT, SENSITIVE AND ON THIS OCCASION WAS MORE POSITIVE AND ANIMATED REGARDING

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 1938

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1. AMB AND I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER STEVENS JUNE 7. DURING OPENING STATEMENTS STEVENS EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND SORROW FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH. HE THEN RAISED NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM US AS UK, "ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCE," CANNOT BE AS FORTHCOMING AS NECESSARY BECAUSE OWN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE SAID GAP BETWEEN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN SIERRA LEONE VERY LARGE AND IMMEDIATE HELP IS IMPERATIVE. I REPLIED WE HAVE CONTINUING INTEREST IN SIERRA LEONE AND GREAT SYMPATHY FOR PRESENT PROBLEMS. DESPITE THIS, I EXPLAINED, HIS HOPES SHOULD NOT BE TOO HIGH AND THERE VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE. LISTING ONGOING USAID PROJECTS SEEMED MAKE LITTLE IMPRESSION ON HIM.

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2. STEVENS THEN GAVE HIS VERSION RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING PEACE CORPS, WHICH PARALLELED THAT GIVEN BY FORNMIN (SEE REFTEL). HE DENIED ANY GOVT RESPONSIBILITY, WHILE BLAMING SITUATION ON PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO WERE ANNOYED AT MEETING OF PCVS DURING PERIOD OF PROHIBITION ON LARGE GATHERINGS. HE DEPLORED INCIDENTS AND SAID WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS,

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GOP'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LEVY SALCEDO CALLED ON ME AT EMBASSY YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ROBLES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THIS MORNING A MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WAS HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL IN PANAMA CITY ARRANGED AND CONDUCTED BY PADRE BENJAMIN AYECHU, RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA LA ANTIGUA. ADAIR

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SAUDI REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

JIDDA 4300

1. ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDYBY EX-JERUSALEMITE ARAB MAJOR TOPIC OF LOCAL DISCUSSION. PUBLIC INTEREST STIMULATED BY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN BY SAUDI PRESS, TV AND RADIO TO INCIDENT AND TO REACTION IN OTHER ARAB STATES, INCLUDING CONDEMNATORY STATEMENTS OF ARAB LEADERS, AL-FATAH, ETC.

2. APART FROM SAQQAF'S FORMAL CALL (JIDDA 4289), WE HAVE HAD TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PROMINENT SAUDIS EXPRESSING THEIR SHOCK AND SORROW. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAW CROWN PRINCE KHALID OFF AT AIRPORT JUNE 8, ALL MEMBERS OF SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY PRESENT PERSONALLY EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR SORROW AND INDIGNATION. THESE INCLUDED SECOND DEPUTY PRIMIN AND MININT PRINCE FAHD, MODA PRINCE SULTAN, NATIONAL GUARD PRINCE ABDULLAH, MINFINANCE PRINCE MUSA'ID, MECCA GOVERNOR

PRINCE MISHA'AL, SPECIAL ADVISOR PRINCE NAWWAF, AND PRINCE MITAB. ROYAL COUNSELOR RASHAD PHARAON AND MININFO HUJAILAN ALSO DID SO. ALL ASKED THAT THEIR DEEP RESPECTS AND CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

3. ACCORDING SAQQAF (AND ALSO MUHAMMAD ALIREZA), KING FAISAL MUCH DISTRESSED AT NEWS. THEY EXPLAINED THAT KING WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE, BUT FELT UNABLE DO SO SINCE HE HAD NOT SENT MESSAGES TO EITHER BOUMEDIENNE OR CHAMOUN FOLLOWING ATTACK ON THEM. HOWEVER, KING SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED SAUDI AMB SUWAIYIL ATTEND FUNERAL.

4. SAUDI PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONTPAGE AS WELL AS EDITORIAL COVERAGE ALL ASPECTS OF INCIDENT. WITH ITS CUSTOMARY CONSPIRATORIAL MENTALITY, IT HAS USUALLY SOUGHT HIDDEN PERPETRATOR AND MOTIVE. AL-MADINAH EMPHATICALLY REJECTED ASSASSINATION AND EXPRESSED ITS SORROW FOR INCIDENT. GILAD EDITORIAL JUNE 7 ASSERTED ASSASSINATION AGAINST KORANIC TEACHINGS AND MUSLIMS THUS CONDEMN ATTACK ON SENATOR. IT ARGUED THAT IF PERSON SUSPECTED OF DEED IS IN FACT GUILTY, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING SINCE ONLY WEAK AND COWARDLY RESORT TO PERFIDY AND ASSASSINATION AND ARABS NEITHER WEAK OR COWARDLY. WRITER DEPLORES EFFECT UPON REPUTATION OF ARAB CAUSES, ESPECIALLY PALESTINE, AT TIME WHEN ARABS IN DIRE NEED OF WORLD SUPPORT TO RECOVER THEIR RIGHTS. JUNE 9 EDITORIAL IN SAME PAPER BY RESPECTED SAUDI COMMENTATOR ABDULLAH SAAD ADVANCES THESIS THAT ZIONISTS ENGINEERED SENATOR'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH HE RECENTLY CALLED FOR DELIVERY OF 50 PHANTOMS TO ISRAEL, ZIONISTS UNSURE ABOUT HOW SENATOR WOULD VIEW SITUATION ONCE IN WHITE HOUSE. SAAD ARGUES ZIONISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE PROMISED SOLVE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM ON BASIS JUSTICE AND IN LIGHT US INTERESTS IN REGION. ZIONISTS FEARFUL THAT SENATOR KENNEDY, IF ELECTED, WOULD FOLLOW POLICIES OF LATE PRESIDENT, DID AWAY WITH HIM, AND ARE NOW SEEKING DISPARAGE ARABS IN EYES AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. SAAD RECALLED LATE SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY PLIGHT OF ARAB REFUGEES WHEN HE VISITED CAMPS THREE YEARS AGO. IN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. KENNEDY, UKAZ COMMENTATOR AHMAD SHATAH BITTERLY NOTES PALESTINIAN WIVES AND MOTHERS ARE FACING SAME TRAGEDY AND THAT CHRISTIAN WAS PERPETRATOR OF DEED. ASKS GOD BE WITH HER

AND WITH VICTIMS PALESTINIAN TRAGEDY. SHATAH ALSO DEPLORES LATE SENATOR'S CALL FOR 50 PHANTOMS FOR ISRAEL. NADWA CARRIES UPI SPECULATION THAT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IMPLICATED.

5. MOST HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE CALLED OR WRITTEN TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. EILTS

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PRIMIN TALHOUNI ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I PAID CALL ON ME AT EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO SIGN KENNEDY MEMORIAL BOOK AND EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. IN HIS WRITTEN EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE HE DEEPLY DEPLORED THE CRIMINAL ACTION.

2. PRIMIN SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT ON HIS BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN AND THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN I CONVEY TO THE USG, AND THROUGH MY GOVERNMENT TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY, THEIR PROFOUND SHOCK AND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
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FONMIN HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPT:

QUOTE:

LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE IVOIRIENS ONT APPRIS AVEC HORREUR ET INDIGNATION L'ODIEUX ATTENTAT QUI A COUTE LA VIE AU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIR PRESENTE SES CONDOLEANCES LES PLUS SINCERES AU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET S'ASSOCIE AU DEUIL CREEL QUI ATTEINT LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE AMERICAINS AINSI QU'UNE FAMILLE SI TRAGIQUEMENT EPROUVEE.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE PRIE LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES ETATS UNIS D'AGREER, EN CETTE DOULOUREUSE CIRCONSTANCE, LEXPRESSION DE SES SENTIMENTS ATTRISTES.

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EMBASSY TRANSLATION: QUOTE: THE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED WITH HORROR AND INDIGNATION OF THE ODIOUS ATTACK WHICH COST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HIS LIFE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST PRESENTS ITS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JOINS IN THE CRUEL SORROW WHICH HAS STRUCK THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AS WELL AS A FAMILY SO TRAGICALLY AFFLICTED.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF ITS SORROWFUL SENTIMENTS IN THIS PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCE.

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THERE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION:

1. FONMIN HAS EXPRESSED TO CHARGE HIS AND GRB'S SHOCK AND REGRETS AND INFORMS THAT BURUNDI AMB WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED CONVEY SAME TO DEPT.

2. LOCAL RADIO HAS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE THIS ITEM WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT EXCEPT TO CALL ASSASSINATION ITEM OF GENERAL GRIEF TO WORLD. INITIALLY USED EDITORIALI COMMENT FROM SUCH PAPERS AS FRENCH "HUMANITE" AND QUOTES FROM HARLEM WHICH STRESS FACT THAT APPEARANCE OF ANY CHAMPION NEGRO RIGHTS SEEMS CALL FOR ASSASSINATION, BUT LATER MORE BALANCED.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS WRITTEN AND ORAL EXPRESSIONS FO SHOCK AND GRIEF FROM FOREIGN COLONY INCLUDING BELGIAN, FRENCH AND CONGOLESE EMBASSIES.

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1. LARGE CROWDS CONTINUE STREAM INTO AMERICAN AMEBASSY TO SIGN NAMES IN SEVEN BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE SET UP AT TABLES AROUND LOBBY. IN ONE CORNER, ON PLATFORM, IS LARGE PHOTOGRAPH SENATOR KENNEDY, DRAPED IN BLACK AND SURROUNDED BY FLOWERS. MARINE GUARD STANDS SOLEMNLY BESIDES PLATFORM IN FULL-DRESS UNIFORM. MEMBERS AMERICAN BOY SCOUT TROOP OF WARSAW ALSO STANDING GUARD.

2. IN FRONT OF BUIL ING, THOUSANDS VIEW DISPLAY CASES CONTAINING PORTRAIT SENATOR KENNEDY AND SCENES FROM HIS LIFE. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS DISPLAY CASE OF PICTURES OF HIS VISIT TO POLAND IN 1964.

3. IN POZNAN SIMILAR DISPLAY AT CONSULATE DRAWS LARGE CROWDS WHO PLACE FLOWERS AND VIGIL LIGHTS BEFORE CASE. OTHERS ENTER CONSULATE TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK.

4. NEW YORK CHAMBER SOLOISTS GAVE WELL-RECEIVED CONCERT IN BYDGOSZCZ FRIDAY EVENING. IN SHORT ADDRESS TO POLISH GUESTS WHO ATTENDED CONCERT, POZNAN CONSUL SCANLAN RECALLED THAT HE HAD BEEN AN ESCORT OFFICER FOR 1964 VISIT AND SAID HE KNEW SENATOR'S SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES SUCH AS SOLOISTS TOUR. THEREFORE CONCERT WAS IN EFFECT TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY AS HE WOULD HAVE WISHED IT.

5. NEW SUBJECT: AMERICAN HUSBAND-WIFE VIOLINISTS, TERESA

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AND SIDNEY HARTH. GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION, INCLUDING FIVE CURTAIN CALLS, FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE BACH CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS WITH WARSAW SYMPHONY CONDUCTED BY FRENCH CONDUCTOR MAURICE LE ROUX FRIDAY NIGHT.

6. NEW SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TEAM LEAVES WARSAW SATURDAY AFTER SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY SEMINAR. POZNAN SEMINAR BEGINS JUNE 10 FOR FOUR DAYS. JENKINS

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PASS AMBASSADOR SHRIVER

FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 6 FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE TO AMBASSADOR SHRIVER RECEIVED TODAY:

"MR. AMBASSADOR:
"ONCE AGAIN, IN THE SAME FAMILY, AND SUFFERING THE SAME FATE, YOUTH, ENERGY, AND TALENT HAVE NOW BEEN DESTROYED BY THE ACT OF A MADMAN.

"YOU KNOW HOW DEEPLY FRANCE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ORDEAL THUS INFLICTED UPON THE UNITED STATES, AND HOW FULLY IT SHARES THE GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"YESTERDAY, I TOLD MRS. SHRIVER AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY HOW HIGHLY I PRIZED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S EMINENT QUALITIES OF MIND AND CHARACTER. TODAY, HIS PASSING GRIEVES ME PROFOUNDLY.

"MY WIFE JOINS WITH ME IN EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND MRS. SHRIVER, AND IN ASSURING YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY FOR MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, HER CHILDREN, AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY, WHOSE HEARTS AND HOPES ARE SO GRIEVOUSLY STRICKEN.

"PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION."

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1375

SUBJECT: JERUSALEM SITREP JUNE 1-7

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1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION--INVOLVEMENT OF FORMER PALESTINIAN SIRHAN SIRHAN AS PRIME SUSPECT IN SENATOR KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DOMINATES CONVERSATION AMONG EDUCATED JERUSALEMITES DESPITE ARAB PREOCCUPATION WITH ANNIVERSARY JUNE WAR. CONTACTS UNIVERSALLY DEEPLY DEPLORE INCIDENT, CITING FACT KENNEDY NAME FAVORABLE KNOWN IN ARAB WORLD. CONTACTS EXPRESS CONCERN POSSIBILITY SERIOUS IMPACT ON ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS, BUT STRESS SINCERITY OF CONDOLENCES SENT BY ARAB LEADERS. MANY ARABS HERE EXPRESS BELIEF ASSASSINATION NOT RPT NOT ISOLATED INCIDENT BUT LINKED TO DEATHS PRES KENNEDY AND REV KING.

2. JUNE WAR ANNIVERSARY DEMONSTRATIONS--ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE WAR MARKED HERE BY VIRTUALLY 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE SCHOOL AND BUSINESS STRIKE EAST JERUSALEM AND NABLUS JUNE 5. STRIKE VARIED IN EFFECTIVENESS OTHER WEST BANK TOWNS. LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 6 SEVERAL

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PASS FRED DUTTON, OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY FROM ED MARTIN

RECEIVED MESSAGE LAST NIGHT FROM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTING THAT INQUIRY HAD COME FROM WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER I WAS ATTENDING FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY. APPRECIATE DEEPLY THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE QUITE RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO PARIS AND AM UNABLE GET AWAY. WILL BE ATTENDING MEMORIAL SERVICES HERE WHERE EVERYONE, FRENCH AND AMERICAN, GREATLY SHOCKED BY TRAGIC LOSS OF HIS LEADERSHIP, MOST OF ALL THOSE LIKE MY WIFE AND MYSELF WHO HAVE HAD PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING AND WORKING WITH HIM. WALLNER
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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER NUR AHMED ETAMADI:

"H.E. PRESIDENT LNYDON B. JTGNSON

THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE IRREPARABLE LOSS OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS SHOCKED US. THIS LOSS IS NOT ONLY THAT OF THE UNITED STATES BUT WHEREVER MEN CHERISH LIBERTY. WE IN AFGHANISTAN SHARE THIS LOSS WITH YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEPEEST CONDOLONCES AND I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CONVEY THEM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY

NUR AHMAD ETAMADI
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER OF AFGHANISTAN"

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION HERE OF NEWS OF SHOOTING EMBASSY AND USIS LIBRARY BEGAN TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM YUGOSLAVS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND HOPE FACTS WERE NOT AS SERIOUS AS REPORTED. ON NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS APPEARED AT EMBASSY TO EXPRESS SORROW AND CONDOLENCES. MODERATE BUT STEADY STREAM OF PRIVATE CITIZENS HAS COME TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK OPENED JUNE 7, AS HAVE MANY DIPLOMATS AND SOME OFFICIALS. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT MIKA SPILJAK CAME TO SIGN JUNE 8 AND DJURICA JOJKIC, PRESIDENT E. C. SERBIA SIGNED JUNE 7. DEPFONMIN PAVICEVIC SIGNED BOOK JUNE 7 IN ABSENCE FONMIN IN BRIONI.

2. REPORTAGE OF EVENT AND OF INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN EXPECTEDLY WIDE AND SYMPATHETIC TO SENATOR, PRAISING HIS POSITION ON VIET-NAM, RACISM AND LAWLESSNESS AND HIS COMPASSION FOR POOR AND OPPRESSED. PRESIDENT TITO'S MESSAGES TO MRS. KENNEDY HIGHLIGHTED THIS ASPECT OF PRESS AND TV COVERAGE.

3. HARSH, ANTI-ADMINISTRATION TONE OF EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN AT WIDE VARIANCE WITH ATTITUDE OF POPULACE SO FAR AS WE CAN JUDGE BY CALLS MENTIONED PARA 1 AND OTHER YUGOSLAV CONTACTS. EDITORIALS REFLECT TYPICAL BALKAN CONCEPTION, SEEING THIS ACT AS PART OF CONSPIRACY AND DENYING POSSIBILITY ACT COULD BE THAT OF DERANGED PERSON OR PERSONS. PERCEIVING

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EVENT FROM IDEOLOGICAL BASE, COMMENT PORTRAYS CRIME AS EVIDENCE OF INTERNAL CRISIS AND OF SINISTER AND REACTIONARY FORCES USING MURDER AS INSTRUMENT OF POLICY. BORBA EDITORIAL JUNE 6 LINKED ASSASSINATIONS OF KENNEDYS AND KING AS ALL WORK OF SAME CONSERVATIVE FORCES, SUBTLY IMPLIED ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT PRESSED INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, AND EVEN IMPLIED SENATOR, WHO AS FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS IN POSITION TO KNOW FACTS, WAS KILLED ON EVE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO PREVENT HIS TELLING "TRUTH ABOUT DALLAS".

4. VELJKO MICUNOVIC, PRESIDENT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND FORMER AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ISSUED STATEMENT POINTING TO SENATOR'S STAND ON VIET-NAM AND SAYING SENATOR WAS "FRIEND OF YUGOSLAVIA". MICUNOVIC ADDED "THAT CRIME AND MURDER ARE USED ONCE AGAIN FOR THIRD TIME IN COURSE OF LAST FEW YEARS AS INSTRUMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY AND, AT THAT, AT HIGHEST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL". WHEN MICUNOVIC AND HIS WIFE CAME IN TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK JUNE 8 THEY BOTH SHOWED SIGNS OF DEEP EMOTIONAL REACTION AS DID MANY OTHER YUGOSLAVS.

5. RATKO BRZIC, FONOFF'S AMEFICAN DESK OFFICER AND ALSO FORMERLY STATIONED IN WASHINGTON, SAW BEHIND MURDER A "GROUP", WHICH HE SAID "MUST BE CRAZY".

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SUB: PRESS REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. JORDANIAN REACTION TO DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY ONE OF GENERAL DISMAY. JORDANIANS WE HAVE TALKED TO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY ASSOCIATION OF SIRHAN WITH THEIR COUNTRY AND INJECTION OF ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE IN THE ASSASSINATION.
2. KING HUSSEIN'S TELEGRAMS EXPRESSING HIS AND JORDAN'S SORROW TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY AND AMBASSADOR SHRIVER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I PERSONAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR (AMMAN 5219) REQUESTING HE TRANSMIT GOJ'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE SET OFFICIAL TONE. JORDANIAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ALSO ISSUED STATEMENTS OF SYMPATHY AND CONDEMNED ACT OF ASSASSINATION.

3. PRESS, RADIO AND TV PLAY ON ASSASSINATION WAS REPORTED BY USINFO (AMMAN 5231). REACTION OF KING AND WORLD AND ARAB LEADERS COVERED FULLY IN LOCAL MEDIA, BUT ROLE OF SIRHAN, WHO GIVE WIDE COVERAGE

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JUNE 6, PLAYED DOWN ON JUNE 7. EDITORIAL COMMENT BEYOND THAT REPORTED AMMAN 5231 WAS CARRIED IN AD-DIFAA. OWNER-EDITOR IBRAHIM SHANTI WROTE JUNE 8 THAT ASSASSINATION CAME AS GREAT SHCOK TO ARABS. ARAB WORLD HAD MANY ENEMIES, HE SAID, BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY WHOSE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES BENEFITED NOT ONLY US BUT ALSO ENTIRE WORLD OF WHICH ARABS A PART. SHANTI CONCLUDED IN HOPE NOT RELATED TO ARABS AND PALESTINE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, MEMORIAL BOOK WAS OPENED IN EMBASSY LOBBY JUNE 7 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND AGAIN ON JUNE 8. THOSE CALLING AT EMBASSY TO SIGN INCLUDED PRIMIN TALHOUNI, CHIEF OF ROYAL CABINET SHARIF HUSSEIN BIN NASSER, PRINCE RA'D, FORMER PRIMIN WASFI TELL, SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDING FONMIN RIFA'I, DIPLOMATS, PROMINENT BUSINESS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND A NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND ORDINARY JORDANIAN CITIZENS. EMBASSY WILL RETAIN MEMORIAL BOOK IN AMMAN UNTIL ADVISED BY DEPT AS TO APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS ADVISE ON APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE ADDRESSED JUST TO THE EMBASSY. SYMMES

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SUBJ: TANZANIAN DIATRIBE IN CONNECTION KENNEDY CONDOLENCES

1. BEFORE COMMENCING STATEMENT ON PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES IN COMITE 24 JUNE 7, TANZANIAN PERM REP DANIELI EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO GENERALIZE GRATUITOUSLY CONCERNING PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE IN US SOCIETY, SPEAKING FROM FOLLOWING TEXT:

QUOTE WHEN THERE IS CONSTANT REPETITION THIS ACT IN PARTICULAR SOCIETY, WHEN RHYTHM OF VIOLENCE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN GIVEN COUNTRY, ONE HAS TO STAND ASIDE FOR MOMENT AND REFLECT UPON ITS BASIC CAUSATION. WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED UNFORTUNATE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MEDGAR EVERS, MALCOLM X, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND NOW SENATOR KENNEDY? THE DIAGNOSIS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT A SOCIETY CONCEIVED IN VIOLENCE, NOURISHED AND NUTURED IN VIOLENT AND IMMORAL WARS, AT HOME AND ABROAD; A SOCIETY WHICH WORSHIPS AND IDOLIZES VIOLENCE; A SOCIETY WHICH HAS BECOME GREATEST PURVEYOR OF VIOLENCE, CANNOT BE SURPRISED THAT ITS CITIZENS ADOPT VIOLENCE AS WAY AND PATTERN OF LIFE, AND AS ONLY MEANS TO SOLVE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL, ONE DAY SOON, RISE UP AND COME HOME. COME HOME TO DECENCY, HUMANITY, MORALITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE. UNQUOTE.

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2. AFTER TWICE INTERVENING ON POINTS OF ORDER, US REP FINALLY

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SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING RULING FROM CHAIRMAN MESTIRI (TUNISIA) THAT SPEAKER SHOULD DESIST FROM FURTHER SUCH COMMENTS AND RETURN TO AGENDA ITEM, BUT NOT UNTIL DANIELI HAD NEARED END OF HIS PREPARED DIATRIBE ON US SOCIETY. US EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY AFTERWARDS, EMPHASIZING SHOCKING INAPPROPRIATENESS DANIELI'S INTEMPERATE COMMENTARY ON US INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. THIS IS ONLY INSTANCE OF SUCH GRATUITOUSLY INSULTING OBSERVATIONS IN ANY UN ORGAN DURING THE MANY EXPRESSIONS CONDOLENCES BY DELEGATIONS OF ALL POLITICAL COLORATION.

4. US COMMITTEE 24 DEL SOUGHT OUT FOUM (TANZANIA) AFTER DANIELI SPEECH TO TAKE FURTHER EXCEPTION TO REMARKS. LATTER REPLIED WITH OBVIOUSLY FALSE ARGUMENT THAT COMMENTS APPLIED TO SOCIETY IN GENERAL AND DIRECTED AT US.

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DURING CALLS WITH ASST SEC PALMER ON ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY, BOTH ASKED ME TO CONVEY THEIR CONDOLENCES ON ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MINER

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FM SHINOBU ICHIKAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK SECRETARY
OF STATE WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SHOCKED AND GRIEVED AT THE SAD NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY BELOVED AND RESPECTED FRIEND OF JAPAN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCE.

PRESIDENT SHINOBU ICHIKAWA
OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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FM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY (WASHDC)
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMEY I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

AMBASSADOR ZOLLNER

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FM GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA (DJAKARTA)
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE DEPARTMENT WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE SAD NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I HASTEN TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. MY THOUGHTS ARE ALSO VERY MUCH WITH THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED, FOR WHOM THIS LOSS IS SO GREAT. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE AND MAY GOD THE ALMIGHT GRANT CONSOLATION TO HIS FAMILY IN THEIR HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT.

ADAM MALIK, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

QTE I LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND WHILE TOURING GUINEA AND WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY I SHARE YOUR GRIEF. SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A CONSTANT AND FEARLESS FIGHTER FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL THOSE MULTITUDES OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO CHERISH THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE STOOD. NOWHERE WILL THIS SENSE OF LOSS BE GREATER THAN IN AFRICA WHERE I CAN ALREADY ATTEST TO ITS STRENGTH IN GUINEA. AND NOWHERE ELSE WILL IT BE GREATER THAN AMONG THOSE AMERICANS WHO WORK FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH AFRICA AND WHO GAINED CONTINUING INSPIRATION FROM YOUR HUSBAND'S DEEP ATTACHMENT TO THIS CAUSE. (SIGNED) JOSEPH PALMER 2ND, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. UNQTE

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THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, HAS PROCLAIMED SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING IN THIS COUNTRY. SMITH

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WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, WHITE HOUSE

QUOTE ON THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I WISH TO EXPRESS THE DEEP SYMPATHY AND SORROW OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, OF MY COVERNMENT AND MYSELF. WE SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND YOUR OWN FOR THIS NEW TRAGEDY THAT HAS FALLEN UPON THE AMERICAN NATION. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN PEACE. UNQUOTE
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
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SUBJ: STUDENTS PAY HOMAGE TO SEATOR KENNEDY

1. A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 STUDENTS FROM DUSSELDORF UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL, THE ART ACADEMY AND OTHER COLLEGES IN THIS AREA LAST NIGHT MARCHED WITH BURNING TORCHES FROM THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE MARCH WAS ORGANIZED BY THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION ASTA, AS A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. STUDENT LEADERS HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT THEY PLANNED A SILENT "TRAUERMARSCH" AND WISHED TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. ON ARRIVAL AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL THE MARCHERS HEAPED THEIR TORCHES ON A PARKING AREA ACROSS THE STREET AND OBSERVED SEVERAL MINUTES OF SILENCE. THE GROUP THEN CROSSED THE STREET AND WAS MET AT THE GATE BY THE CONSUL IN CHARGE AND CONDUCTED TO THE BUILDING ENTRANCE WHERE A TABLE WITH THE CONDOLENCE BOOK HAD BEEN SET UP; 99 STUDENTS SIGNED THE BOOK. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE CONSUL IN CHARGE LEADERS OF THE GROUP EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WHOM THEY HAD HELD IN VERY HIGH REGARD, AND EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD INTENDED THEIR PROCESSION TO BE

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ALSO AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR CONDEMNATION OF ALL ACTS OF VICLENCE AND TERROR.

3. THROUGHOUT THE EVENT THE STUDENTS MAINTAINED APPROPRIATE DIGNITY AND DECORUM. ALTHOUGH THE POLICE WERE ON HAND, THE REMAINED INCONSPICUOUS DURING THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE CONSULATE, EXCEPT FOR CARRYING OUT NECESSARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DUTIES. THERE WERE NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS, NO PLACARDS AND NO SPEECHES.

4. THE LOCAL PRESS THIS MORNING GAVE SIGNIFICANT SPACE TO THE EVENT; THE LATE EVENING NEWS REPORT OF THE SECOND TELEVISION PROGRAM SHOWED THE MARCH AND THE SIGNING OF THE CONDOLENCE BOOK BY THE STUDENTS. DUX

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RADIO OMDURMAN AND SUDAN TV BROADCAST STATEMENTS JUNE 6 BY SUPREME COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISMAIL EL AZHARI AND MINISTER INFORMATION AND GOS SPOKESMAN ABDEL MAGID HASSABU ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SUDAN TV ALSO TELECAST SCENE IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL
COMMENT ON SHOOTING, WHICH DOMINATED EDITORIALS MOST PAPERS JUNE 7, AND THE STATEMENTS POLITICAL LEADERS QUOTED IN PRESS EXPRESSED SORROW KENNEDY DEATH BUT ASSAILED AMERICA FOR BARBARISM, VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. PREDOMINANT IN CONDEMNATION WAS CHARGE THAT ASSASSINATION IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

LOCAL NEWS AGENCY OF SUDAN (LONA), LIKE RAI EL AMM AND OTHER PAPERS, CARRIED STATEMENTS JUNE 7 BY GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS. LONA PRINTED FOLLOWING: "PRESIDENT ISMAIL EL AZHARI EXPRESSED HIS INDIGNATION AND CONDEMNATION OF ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE TOLD LONA HE CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION PHENOMENON WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY IN US AIMED AT THE LEADERS THERE. PRESIDENT AZHARI CALLED UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO STUDY THIS DANGEROUS PHENOMENON AND TO SEEK TO PUT AN END TO IT BECAUSE IT THREATENS THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. HE APPEALED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION, SAYED ABDEL MAGID ABU HASSABU, TOLD LONA THE SUDAN REGRETS THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE SAID SUCH INCIDENTS ARE MEANT TO

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DISINTEGRATE THE AMERICAN NATION AND DRAG IT TO THE CONFLICT ENGINEERED BY INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM. HE SAID THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM LED BY THE KENNEDY BROTHERS IS REJECTED BY THE ZIONIST MONOPOLIES AND CARTELS IN AMERICA. HE SAID KENNEDY'S SYMPATHY WITH THE NEGROES WON HIM THE HATRED OF RACIALISTS. THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE ASSASSINATION PHENOMENON IN AMERICA INDICATES THAT THERE IS A ZIONIST-HATCHED CONSPIRACY TO DRAG AMERICA ALONG THE WAR PATH. HE SAID IF IT IS PROVED THAT THE ASSASSIN IS AN ARAB, THE CONSPIRACY BECOMES CLEAR SINCE NO ARAB HAS ANY INTEREST IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE SAID IT IS DEFINITE THAT ZIONIST ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERESTS HAD INSTIGATED THE MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY BEFORE HIM.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER, AHMED IBRAHIM DREIG, TOLD LONA THAT HE IS SAD FOR DEATH OF A MAN WHO DEFENDED THE NEGROES, STOOD AGAINST RACIAL SEGREGATION IN AMERICA AND SUPPORTED PEACE IN VIETNAM. HE SAID THE RECENT ASSASSINATION PHENOMENONI IN AMERICA IS SAVAGE BARBARISM WHICH CANNOT BE COMMITTED IN A CIVILIZED NATION. SAYED DREIG NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES IN AMERICA INDICATED THAT SENATOR KENNEDY ENJOYED THE SUPPORT OF NEGROES AND COLORED PEOPLE. HE SAID HE DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT RACIALIST ELEMENTS ARE BEHIND

THIS CRIME.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, M.P. ABDEL KHALIG MAHGOUB, TOLD LONA THAT HE REGRETS THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY BUT THE NATURE OF THE CAPITALISTIT SOCIETY AND THE MONOPOLIES WHICH CONTROL IT MAKE SUCH CRIMES NOT UNNATURAL. "THE DECAY IN THE CAPITALIST SOCIETY MOVES TOWARDS ASSASSINATION ANDHQE"BECAUSE IT LOST ALL IDEALS AND VALUES AS IT FELL UNDER THE CONTROL OF MONOPOLIES " , HE SAID. SAYED ABDEL KHALIG SAID THE CLAIM THAT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED BECAUSE OF HIS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IS UNFOUNDED SINCE ALL OTHER PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS SUPPORT ISRAEL.

IMAM EL HADI EL MAHDI ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT IN SPITE OF THE ACUTE DISPUTE BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES OVER HER SUPPORT FOR THE ZIONIST GANGSTER STATE, WE CONDEMN ASSASSINATIONS AS A POLITICAL METHOD. HE SAID THE APPLICATION

OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS IN LOGICAL PERSUASION IS THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR THE WORLD FROM THE CRISES CREATED BY PURE MATERIALISM. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE THE LAST INCIDENT AND WILL BE A GOOD LESSON.

THE IMAM AIDE AND MINISTER OF ANIMAL RESOURCES, KAMAL ABDULLAHI EL FADIL, TOLD LONA THAT THE VIOLENCE AND ASSASSINATIONS WHICH ARE PREVAILING IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE STOPPED IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE KEEN ON DEMOCRACY AND ITS PROGRESS." (END LONA ITEM)

RAI EL AMM JUNE 7 FRONT PAGE REPORTS: "PRESIDENT AZHARI SENT MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO WIFE OF SENATOR KENNEDY EXPRESSING HIS REGRET AND SADNESS AT THE ASSASSINATION OF HER HUSBAND".

KHARTOUM NEWS AGENCYSAME DATE REPORTS: "SAYED SADDIK EL MAHDI PRESIDENT OF UMMA PARTY IN TELEGRAM TO MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY SENT LAST NIGHT SAID: 'ROBERT KENNEDY WAS BRIGHT YOUNG HOPE OF NEW OUTLOOK THAT PROMISES BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS OF DOWNTRODDEN. HIS CONCEPTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM WAS BOUND TO BE RECTIFIED THROUGH OBJECTIVE APPROACH

TO POLITICS HE ESPOUSED. TRUTH OF MATTER WAS CARRIED BEHIND SCREAMS OF ZIONIST PROPAGANDA. HIS LOSS, SO CLOSELY AFTER ILLUSTRIOUSBROTHER MUST BE GREAT TRAGEDY TO HIS FAMILY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONDOLENCES. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN PEACE." END ITEM. NOEL

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R 070950Z JUN 68
FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1415

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION HAS PROVOKED OUTBURST PUBLIC CRITICISM OF US. RADIO DAHOMEY DEVOTED NINE-TENTHS OF NEWS BROADCASTS JUNE 6 TO FACTUAL AND EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ASSASSINATION. IN HIS DEATH NEGRO WORLD HAS LOST AN IDOL. ALL AFRICA REGARDS THIS ASSASSINATION WITH HORROR AND CONSTERNATION. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS VICTIM OF GIGANTIC PLOT WHICH HAD ALREADY HAD AS ITS VICTIMS JOHN KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. CITED AS SOURCE THIS INTERPRETATION SPECULATION IN STREETS OF HARLEM AND STATEMENT BY RALPH ABERNATHY. PLOT HAS AS OBJECTIVE ELIMINATION OF ALL THOSE PUBLIC FIGURES WHO DEFEND THE NEGRO. US DESCRIBED AS A SICK NATION WHERE VIOLENCE RAMPANT.

2. IN RADIO INTERVIEWS WITH MAN ON STREET CONSTANT THEME IS AMERICANS PRETEND BE CIVILIZED BUT NOW HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES BE FAR MORE UNCIVILIZED THAN THE AFRICANS THEY HAVE CRITICIZED FOR BEING SAVAGES. AFRICA MUST CLEARLY RECOGNIZE THAT AFRICA HAS NOTHING TO LEARN FROM THE US.

3. FOR ONCE RADIO DAHOMEY WORKED ON PREPARATION OF EDITORIAL COMMENTARY INSTEAD OF USING CANNED AFP MATERIAL. SUSPECT SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED TRUE REFLECTION YOUNG INTELLECTUALS EMPLOYED BY RADIO DAHOMEY. KNOW

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDYS ASSASSINATION

1. GOVT LINE LOCAL DAILY DEPECHE HAS GIVEN HEADLINE COVERAGE TO ASSASSINATION. EDITORIALS HAVE LUMPED TOGETHER ASSASSINATIONS OF SENATOR, LATE PRESIDENT, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND EVEN MALCOLM X, AND HAVE PUT BLAME ON MALAISE OF US SOCIETY.

2. DEPECHE EDITORIALIZED YESTERDAY (BEFORE NEWS OF DEATH) UNDER TITLE QTE THE SERIES CONTINUES UNQTE THAT US ON PATH TO ITS OWN DEATH. TENOR OF EDITORIAL WAS THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ROOTED IN RACIAL SITUATION WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO HAUNT US UNTIL SOLUTION FOUND. TODAYS EDITORIAL (AFTER DEATH CONFIRMED) NOTICEABLY SHARPER. SAID SENATOR KENNEDY WAS VICTIM OF HIS OWN POPULARITY IN UPHOLDING DEFENSE OF UNIVERSAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND HIS DETERMINATION TO SAVE US WHICH AT PRESENT ON UNCHECKED FALL TO QTE PROFOUND DEGRADATION UNQTE. DEPECHE RHETORICALLY ASKED HOW ONE OF MOST ODIOUS CRIMES AGAINST LIBERTY, CIVILIZATION AND PEACE HAPPENED IN QTE SELF-NAMED PARADISE OF FREE WORLD UNQTE. PAPER ADDED QTE AMERICA ASTOUNDS WITH ITS FLAGRANT CONTRADICTIONS ...ITS SOLEMN PROMISES AS WELL AS ITS DISCONCERTING DECEIT UNQTE. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT IF THERE NOT A RADICAL CHANGE IN US IT WOULD CONTINUE ON PATH TO DECADENCE.

3. CONSULATE HAS OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOK WHICH TO

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DATE HAS ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION SAVE FOR CONSULAR CORPS AND FEW EUROPEANS. LOCAL EUROPEAN RESIDENTS SEEM MORE SHOCKED THAN CONGOLESE, ALTHOUGH A FEW OF LATTER HAVE CALLED BOTH CONSULATE AND RESIDENCE TO VOICE THEIR ANONYMOUS INDIGNATION AT QTE US SAVAGERY UNQTE.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO WIDESPREAD OR ORGANIZED REACTION TO ASSASSINATION. HARROP

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REF: KIGALI 1616

1) RADIO RWANDA EVENING NEWSCAST JUNE 6 DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO KENNEDY DEATH. QUOTED WORLDWIDE REACTION AND LEADERS STATEMENTS.

2) EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE RECEIVED FROM DIPLOMATS, RWANDAN OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS.
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SUBJECT: ULBRICHT SENDS CONDOLENCES TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY

REF: BERLIN 1615

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF JUNE 7 PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF A CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM SENT TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY BY ULBRICHT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE COUNCIL AND THE GDR GOVERNMENT. AFTER ASSURING HER OF "SINCERE SYMPATHY," THE MESSAGE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR HAD REACTED WITH INDIGNATION AND HORROR TO THE NEWS THAT HER HUSBAND -- AFTER THE "POLITICAL MURDER OF HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND THE SIMILAR MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING -- HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF THOSE POWERFUL EXTREME REACTIONARY CIRCLES WHICH PRACTICE TO AN INCREASING EXTENT THE MURDER OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS TO GAIN THEIR ANTI-HUMANITARIAN AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC GOALS AND WHO HAVE INTRODUCED MURDER AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL DEBATE IN US DOMESTIC POLITICS." THE TELEGRAM DESCRIBED SENATOR KENNEDY AS ONE WHO SHOUGHT A BETTER, MORE PEACEFUL, AND MORE JUST US DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY.

2. COMMENT: WITH THE TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNDY, ULBRICHT EXCEEDED HIS ALREADY HIGH STANDARDS OF CYNICISM AND ARROGANCE. THE SAME ISSUE OF ND IS FILLED WITH COMMENTARY OF THE MOST VICIOUS KIND CARRYING ON THE LINE REPORTED IN THE REFTEL, FEATURING A LEAD EDITORIAL TITLED "WHAT A SYSTEM!"

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF EQUADOR
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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

93 DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TR GIC EVENT THAT HAS PLUNGED NOT ONLY THE KENNEDY FAMILY, YOUR CUNTRY, AND LATIN AMERICA BUT THE WHOLE DEMOCRATIC WORLD INTO MOURNING, I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONVEY TO YOU MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES WHICH, THROUGH YOU, I EXTEND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY,

GUSTAVO LARREA CORDOVA
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OF ECUADOR)

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS ECELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

THE NEW, TERRIBLE ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS AFFLICTED THE UNITED STAES AND RUTHLESSLY SNUFFED OUT THE GENEROUS LIFE OF ROBERT KENNEDY, TAKING AWAY FROM ALL FREE MEN AND FREE PEOPLE A VALLANT AND NOBLE CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY, DEEPLY MOVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPLUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, WHICH JOINS IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE EXPRESSIONS OF MY PERSONAL HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

FEDERICO BIGI
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASINATION

1. FOLLOWING CABLE ADDRESSED TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY C/O AMERICAN EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, RECEIVED AT 1545 LOCAL TODAY:

A. QUOTE ALLOW ME TO SHARE YOUR SORROW IN THE UNTIMELY AND HORRIBLE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND TO DEEPLY DEPLORE THIS ACT OF ASSASINATION WHATEVER THE MOTIVES WERE. BISHARA SIRHAN. UNQUOTE.

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1. AT BRITISH RECEPTION YESTERDAY FONMIN HAJEK OFFERED CONDOLENCES ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH.

2. I SAID I ACCEPTED THEM WITH THE SAME SINCERITY HE HAD PROFERRED THEM BUT FELT OBLIGED TO CALL TO HIS NOTICE SOME SURPRISING STATEMENTS MADE BY AN OFFICER OF HIS MINISTRY. I THEN READ HIM PASSAGES FROM TRHLIK'S PRESS INTERVIEW DIRECTING HIS ATTENTION TO THE SENTENCE "IN THE US, IT SEEMS, THE METHOD OF ASSASSINATION HAS BECOME A MEANS OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE." I TOLD HAJEK SOME OF OUR CITIZENS MAY SAY THINGS LIKE THIS AMONG THEMSELVES BUT THIS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM A STATEMENT FROM A SUPPOSEDLY RESPONSIBLE CZECH OFFICIAL.

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3. HAJEK REPLIED HE HAD READ THE STATEMENT IN THE PRESS AND IT DID NOT SEEM TO HIM OBJECTIONABLE IN THE CZECH LANGUAGE; POSSIBLY THE TRANSLATION WAS AT FAULT. I ANSWERED THE TRANSLATION WAS FROM THE OFFICIAL CTK SUMMARY WHICH WE HAD VERIFIED FOR ACCURACY; STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND WERE OFFENSIVE IN AN HOUR OF TRAGEDY. HAJEK SAID HE VERY MUCH REGRETTED IT IF THIS WERE THE IMPRESSION GIVEN.

4. HAJEK MENTIONED HE HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S TALK WITH DUDA RE CIRCULAR 665 SINCE HE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE OFFICE ALL DAY BUT HE WELCOMED THE STEP. THEREAFTER A

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C. MISS PAULINE TURNER - TRANSFER FROM NHATRANG TO LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST POSITION AT DANANG IN JULY/AUGUST AND SERVE BALANCE OF CURRENT TOUR, MARCH 1969.

D. AID/W SHOULD ASCERTAIN USPHS' WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE TWO EXPERIENCED NURSE ANESTHETISTS AND ONE REGISTERED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST ON DEPARTURE ABOVE-NAMED INCUMBENTS.

E. OTHER USPHS ADVISORS TO DEPART DANANG AND NHATRANG WITHOUT REPLACEMENT AT THE END OF CURRENT TOUR.

3. CAN IDENTIFY NO REQUIREMENT FOR NURSES KEEFE AND SAUNDERS NOMINATED PREVIOUSLY.
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1. IN MY REPLY TO CARDINAL CICOGNANI'S LETTER (REFTEL) I SAID THAT UNREASONED VIOLENCE OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DOES NOT REPRESENT SPIRIT OF THE US AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE NOT JUDGE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY ACTS OF TRAGICALLY DISORIENTED INDIVIDUALS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER GIVEN TO ME PERSONALLY BY CARDINAL CICOGNANI TODAY, FOLLOWING MY MOST CORDIAL AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI.

3. "YUUR EXCELLENCY, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LETTER AND I WISH TO RENEW THE SENTIMENTS OF MY SINCERE AND PROFOUND SYMPTHY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE SAVAGERY AND BRUTALITY WICH REMOVED SENATOR KENNEDY FROM THE POLITCIAL SCENE IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. "FOR MANY LONG YEARS I SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND I CAME TO LOVE AND TO ADMIRE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT THEY DEPLORE THIS VIOLENT ACTION WITH ALL THEIR POWER BECAUSE IT IS SO ALIEN TO THEIR BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS. THE SORROW AND THE SHOCK THAT HAS GRIPPED THE NATION IS THEREFORE ALL THE MORE PROFOUND. WE ARE UNITED WITH THIS GRAND PEOPLE IN THEIR SORROW AND SUFFERING, AND WE PRAY THAT GOD WOULD GRANT THIS PEOPLE HIS CONSOLING AND STRENGTHENING GRACES AS THEY MOURN

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THE LOSS OF A DEDICATED AND LOYAL SON. MAY GOD GRANT THAT THIS TRAGIC EVENT BRING ABOUT A UNIVERSAL CONDEMENATION OF SUCH VICIOUS AND VIOLENT MEANS.

5. "PLEASE BE SURE THAT WE, AND I IN PARTICULAR, SHARE THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BECAUSE WE KNOW THEIR GREATNESS. SINCERELY YOURS, A. G. CARDINAL CICOGNANI. VATICAN, JUNE 7, 1968."

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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAKIA MOURNS FOR KENNEDY

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LEADERSHIP LED NATION IN EXPRESSING SORROW OVER KENNEDY DEATH AND SYMPATHY FOR FAMILY. SVOBODA, DUBCEK AND HAJEK SENT SYMPATHY TELEGRAMS TO ETHEL KENNEDY AND SMRKOVSKY WIRE US SENATE, PRESIDENT CONVEYING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S DEEP EMOTION AND INDIGNATION OVER EVENT, OFFERING HIS OWN AND ALL DEPUTIES' PROFOUND CONDOLENCES. CERNIK ISSUED FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT: "ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH CAME AS A DEEP SHOCK TO ME AND CERTAINLY TOALL OUR PEOPLE. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES." EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS FROM BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, AND HUNDREDS HAVE SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK IN LIBRARY.

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2. HAJEK MADE THIS POLITICAL APPRAISAL IN CTK INTERVIEW: "THE OBJECTIVE EFFECT OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S MURDER IS UNFAVORABLE FOR THE REALISTIC AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES IN THE US, ALTHOUGH THE REACTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC CANNOT BE ESTIMATED AS YET. AFTER THE MURDER OF HIS BROTHER AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, IT IS ANOTHER TRAGIC EVENT WHICH MEANS THAT A PERSONALITY WITH A CERTAIN POSITIVE PROGRAM ENDS BY

VIOLENT DEATH. THI CANNOT BUT CAUSE A FEELING OF SURPRISE AND CONDEMNATION. (KENNEDY) BELONGED TO THOSE STRONG PERSONALITIES WHICH REPRESENTED, ESPECIALLY IN THE US DOMESTIC POLICY, THE EFFORT TO FIND SUCH POLITICAL FORMS AS WOULD CORRESPOND TO A MODERN SOCIETY. HE ALSO BELONGED TO THOSE WHO PURSUE

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A REALISTIC COURSE IN US FOREIGN POLICY, LIBERATING IT FROM THE DOGMAS OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AND COLD WAR, WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AS WELL AS FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY ITSELF."

3. ASSASSINATION AGAIN LEAD STORY IN TODAY'S PRESS. NEWS COVERAGE HEAVY WITH EXTENSIVE PICKUPS FROM AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN SOURCES. MANY EDITORIALS CONTINUE TO BELABOR RIGHTIST CONSPIRACY THEME AS WELL AS CONDEMNING "SICK" US SOCIETY. RUDE PRAVO'S JAROSLAV BOUCEK FULMINATES THAT "FANATIC WHO SHOOTS MEANS MORE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY THAN 6 MILLION VOTERS. THE NATIONALITY OR RELIGION OF MURDERERS LIKE SIRHAN, OSWALD, RUBY OR THE STILL UNKNOWN MURDERER OF KING IS ABSOLUTELY SECONDARY. THE MAIN THING IS WHAT LINKS THEM. THE MILLIONS PROTESTING AGAINST WAR, HATRED, AND SOCIAL INJUSTICES HAVE RECEIVED THE SAME ANSWER FOR THE THIRD TIME. THE PRESIDENTIAL THRONE OF THE USA IS STAINED WITH BLOOD--MORE TERRIBLY THAN MACBETH'S THRONE, AND THE WAY TO IT STINKS OF GUNPOWDER. HOW MANY OF THOSE WHO START OUT ON THE PATH MARKED BY THE DEAD BODIES OF THE IRISH BROTHERS AND THE BLACK PASTOR WILL END WITH A BULLET IN THEIR HEADS?" PRACE ASSERTS US SOCIAL SYSTEM PERMITS WELL-DEVELOPED RIGHT-WING FANATICISM TO EXIST, AND SAYS "STLMYG#FEARS" AROUSED THAT POLITICAL MURDER MIGHT BECOME SYSTEMATIC METHOD OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN COUNTRY REGARDED AS MOST ADVANCED IN WORLD. THIS, PAPER SAYS, WOULD BE GREATEST OF ALL AMERICAN TRAGEDIES. LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE IN MORE BALANCED AND SOBER EDITORIAL SAYS ASSASSINATION MANIFESTS TENDENCY TO SEEK SOLUTION TO VEXED QUESTIONS BY VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF REASONED ARGUMENT, AND THIS THREATENS NOT ONLY US BUT WHOLE "HOUSE OF DEMOCRACY...WHETHER DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ARE IN CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, VIET-NAM, CALIFORNIA OR EVEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."
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1. POLISH MEDIA REPORT TODAY MFA VICE MINISTER WINIEWICZ SENT MESSAGE CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH RECEIVING MAJOR PLAY IN ALL REGIME MEDIA, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTARIES THAT CONTINUE YESTERDAY'S THEMES OF CONSPIRACY, THE AMERICAN SICK SOCIETY AND VIET NAM. TYPICAL COMMENTARY BY KAROL MALCUZYNSKI IN PARTY ORGAN TRYBUNA DUDU ALLUDES TO CONSPIRACY THEORY AND ALLEGED ATTEMPTS BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES TO IDENTIFY MURDER SUSPECT AS HAVING COMMUNIST VIEWS, NOTING THAT THIS "TOO ABSURD" FOR STATE DEPARTMENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK WHO HAVE DENIED FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN EVENT. MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHO SHOT KENNEDY IS QUESTION OF WHY POLITICAL ASSASSINS IN UNITED STATES FIRE "ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION."

3. "CAN THE FACT BE EXPLAINED THAT NO FANATIC AND NO MADMAN FIRED AT ONE OF THE HAWKS, ADVOCATES OF IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION? HOW CAN FACT BE EXPLAINED THAT ADVOCATES OF PATHOLOGICAL RACISM IN SOUTH AND APOSTLES OF OBSCURANTISM IN USA CAN SLEEP AND LIVE UNDISTURBED?" ANSWER LIES IN INTOLERANCE, CHAUVINISM, NATIONAL PRIDE AND SOCIAL CONSERVATISM WHICH ARE "REAL SOURCES BEHIND AMERICAN TRAGEDY."

4. GLOS PRACY COMMENTARY ON U.S. POLITICAL SCENE SAYS "EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT PART OF ODIUM FOR KENNEDY ASSASSINATION FALLS ON ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT WHICH WILL BY NO MEANS HELP HUMPHREY." COMMENTATOR ADDS THERE IS "REALISTIC" CHANCE KENNEDY FORCES MAY LINE UP BEHIND MCCARTHY CANDIDACY.

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5. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY HAS INCREASING INDICATIONS POLISH POPULAR OPINION REACTING TO SENATOR'S DEATH IN MUCH SAME WAY AS IT DID TO THAT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO EMBOFF, VOLUNTEERED BY PEOPLE SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT EMBASSY THURSDAY NIGHT, GIVE VLAVOR OF REACTION: "MANY EXPRESSIONS DEEP SORROW FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, AND LOVE FOR ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY. EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR MRS. KENNEDY AND CHILDREN. WILL HE BE BURIED NEXT TO BROTHER? IS IT TRUE ASSASSIN WAS AN ARAB?
IS THIS A CONSPIRACY? THE POLISH PEOPLE LOVE AMERICA AND AMERICANS. THE POLES ARE NOT COMMUNISTS. WHY DON'T AMERICANS PROTECT PROMINENT PERSONALITIES? NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF SENATOR KENNEDY."

6. CROWD INCLUDES ALL STRATA OF SOCIETY. NO INTERFERENCE OR OTHER INTIMIDATION FROM MILITIA POLICE IN FRONT OF EMBASSY. THREE PRIESTS, DRESSED IN SPORTS CLOTHES ALLEGEDLY TAKING A WALK AS RUSE TO PAY RESPECTS, ASKED FOR KENNEDY PHOTO FOR PLANNED CHURCH SERVICES.
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1. HUNDREDS OF POLISH CITIZENS JAMMED EMBASSY LOBBY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING TO SIGN KENNEDY CONDOLENCE BOOKS. EMBASSY ESTIMATES TOTAL FIFTEEN HUNDRED PERSONS STOOD IN LINE UNTIL AFTER TEN O'CLOCK, TWO HOURS AFTER BOOKS WERE TO BE CLOSED FOR NIGHT. MOST PEOPLE SIGNING NAMES ALSO ADDED COMMENTS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY, AMERICAN PEOPLE. POZNAN CONSULATE ALSO REPORTS HEAVY SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. BOOKS WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 0830 TO 2000 HOURS FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. VOA SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUBLICIZE.

3. TWO EMBASSY DISPLAY WINDOWS, ONE FEATURING LARGE KENNEDY PORTRAIT, THE OTHER SCENES FROM HIS LIFE INCLUDING VISIT TO POLAND, HAVE DRAWN THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS. FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DRAPED OVER DISPLAYS BY POLISH CITIZENS SINCE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

4. AS SIGN OF RESPECT FOR KENNEDY NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING SUNDAY, PLANS FOR HAVING CEREMONY OPENING UNITED STATES PAVILION AT POZNAN FAIR BY CHARGE D' AFFAIRES WALTER JENKINS AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. PAVILION WILL HOWEVER REMAIN OPEN ON SUNDAY, FIRST DAY OF FAIR. PORTRAIT OF SENATOR KENNEDY, DRAPED IN BLACK, WILL STAND AT ENTRANCE PAVILION. AMERICA DAY CEREMONIES, INCLUDING JENKINS

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STATEMENT, REMAIN AS PLANNED.

5. IN TELEGRAM SENT VIA EMBASSY TO MRS. KENNEDY, DOMINICAN FATHERS OF DOMINICAN CHURCH, 15 SW. KATARSYNY STREET, WROCLAW, EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES AND SAID MASS FOR SENATOR WOULD BE SAID AT CHURCH JUNE 10 AT 1900 HOURS. MANY OTHER TELEGRAMS BEING RECEIVED AT EMBASSY. JENKINS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 3494
1. LEAD STORY IN JUNE 7 PRESS IS DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WINIEWICZ TO MRS. KENNEDY IS REPORTED. BOTH IN COMMENTARIES AND IN NEWS STORIES THERE ARE TRACES OF SOME EMBARRASSMENT AND EVEN DEFENSIVENESS IN TREATMENT OF SIRHAN AND HIS MOTIVES. DEATH OF FIGURE WELL-KNOWN AND LIKED IN POLAND APPARENTLY AT HANDS OF ARAB NATIONALIST SIMPLY DOES NOT FIT INTO POLISH PROPAGANDA PICTURE EITHER OF US OR OF ALLEGED WORLD ZIONIST CONSPIRACY. THUS, STORIES AND COMMENTARIES MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND DEATHS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND TRYBUNA LUDU HEADLINE SPEAKS ALREADY OF "CAMPAIGN OF LIES BY AMERICAN RADIO AND TV CONCERNING MOTIVES OF MURDER."

2. OTHER ITEMS IN JUNE 7 PRESS INCLUDE REPORT OF POLISH CULTURAL DELEGATION TO HANOI HEADED BY FONMIN DEPT DIR ZULAWSKI AND INTERVIEW BY FRENCH CP POLITBURO MEMBER GEORGES MARCHAIS WITH ZYCIE WARSZAWY (ZW) ON FRENCH INTERNAL SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO SURPRISINGLY FRANK QUESTIONS BY ZW CORRESPONDENT KOLODZIEJCZYK, MARCHAIS GAVE CAUTIOUS AND STEREOTYPED REPLIES.

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SUBJECT: OJUKWU'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY

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4. FINALLY HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONSCIENCE OF MAN WOULD BE AROUSED AGAINST THOSE WHO "ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE THE OBJECT OF THEIR ENVY BY VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR AMBITION"

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AS RESULT WIDESPREAD SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSIONS CONCERN AND SYMPATHY
HERE OVER ASSASSINATION SEN KENNEDY, WE HAVE PLACED BOOK IN EMBASSY LOBBY FOR THOSE WISHING EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. THROUGHOUT DAY THERE HAS BEEN STREAM OF VISITORS TO SIGN BOOK AND REGISTER THEIR SENTIMENTS. AMONG THEM HAVE BEEN CABINET SECY GEN CONIQUET REPRESENTING PRESIDENCY AND GOVT, PRESIDENTS OF SUPREME COURT AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FOREIGN MINISTER MALEKOU, FRENCH AMB AND OUR OTHER DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, PLUS MANY OTHER OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS PRIVATE GABONESE AND FRENCH COMMUNITIES. PLAN TO KEEP BOOK OPEN FOR WEEK AFTER WHICH WILL FORWARD TO DEPT FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. BANE

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SUBJECT: REACTION SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. SAO PAULO REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY ONE OF DEEP GRIEF, SHOCK, AND BEWILDERMENT OVER QUOTE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE UNITED STATE UNQUOTE. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED COUNTLESS EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY FROM GOVERNOR, VICE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, FOREIGN CONSULATES AND GENERAL PUBLIC. GOVERNOR, MAYOR AND PRACTICALLY ALL MEMBERS STATE ASSEMBLY ISSUED STATEMENTS AND/OR EULOGIES OF SENATOR. DESPITE GENERAL SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC ADVERSE REACTION AGAINST UNITED STATES IN SAO PAULO.

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2. NEWSPAPERS ARE UNANIMOUS IN LAMENTING LOSS TO UNITED STATES AND WORLD. HOWEVER, SOME NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS FOLHA DA TARDE AND ULTIMA HORA GIVING SENSATIONAL COVERAGE LINKING DEATHS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ROBERT KENNEDY TO BIG BUSINESS, MILITARY AND CIA, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE THESE MEN REPRESENTED THREAT TO STATUS QUO. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO SETS EVENT IN PERSPECTIVE AND CASTIGATES SOVIET ATTEMPTS BLAME ALL AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH.

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3. NEGROES SUCH AS PELE BLAMED ASSASSINATION ON U.S. RACE PROBLEM AND COLORED STATE DEPUTY TARQUINHO CASTIGATED QUOTE BIG BUSINESS UNQUOTE. OTHER BRAZILIANS REFUSED ACCEPT EVIDENCE REGARDING ASSASSIN'S ORIGIN CLAIMING EXISTENCE OF PLOT MOTIVATED BY RIGHTIST FORCES. IN MAUDLIN, SENSATIONAL AND EMOTIONALLY-

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CHARGED ATMOSPHERE, FEW PAULISTAS JUDGING ASSASSINATION OBJECTIVELY AS ISOLATED ACT. PERHAPS MORE SERIOUS IS THAT KENNEDY MURDER, SO CLOSE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING'S, HAS RAISED REAL QUESTIONS IN MINDS OF BRAZILIANS REGARDING FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY AND REGARDING VALIDITY OF U.S. WORLD LEADERSHIP.

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FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM PRIME MINISTER JAWARA JUNE 6 QUOTE DEAR JOHN I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACCEPT FROM ME AND MY COLLEAGUES IN CABINET AND TO EXTEND SAME TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED MY DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY THIS CRUEL AND SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE HAS SHOCKED AND DISMAYED THE WHOLE WORLD YOURS SINCERLEY DAWDA JAWARA PRIME MINISTER UNQUOTE. LOGHRAN

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SUBJ: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

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FONOFF CALLED MORNING JUNE 7, WISHING KNOW CORRECT WAY TRAMSMIT TO KENNEDY FAMILY RESOLUTION PASSED BY UPC CONVENTION YESTERDAY. (REFTEL). WE OFFERED THREE ALTERNATIVES: (A) EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, (B) UGANDA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THENCE EITHER TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OR OFFICE MR. PALMER, (C) COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM TO OFFICE SENATOR KENNEDY, U.S. SENATE. WE URGED USE OF EITHER (A) OR (B) AS BEING MOST EFFECTIVE. IT NOT CLEAR TO US YET WHAT MEANS TRANSMISSION WILL BE UTILIZED, HOWEVER, QUOTED BELOW IS UNCLASSIFIED TEXT RESOLUTION FOR DEPT'S INFO:

"WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SHOCKING NEWS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAS DIED. IT IS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION.

"THIS DELEGATES CONFERENCE OF THE U.P.C. HAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT SHOCK THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THIS CONFERENCE AND PARTICULARLY THE FRATERNAL DELEGATES FROM T.A.N.U., K.A.N.U., U.N.I.P., AND THE CONGOLESE GOVERNING PARTY SEND THERE DEEP AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY AND TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY." DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. STEBBINS

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GOVERNOR GENERAL AND LADY SINGHATEH REQUESTED FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE CONVEYED MRS ROBERT KENNEDY AND FAMILY QUOTE PLEASE ACCEPT FROM MY WIFE AND MYSELF DEEPEST SYMPATHY CONDOLENCES AT TRAGIC DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY THIS IS DREADFUL TRAGEDY WHICH HAS SHOCKED WHOLE WORLD UNQUOTE.

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MCGEORGE BUNDY ARRIVING JFK AIRPORT NEW YORK 12.40 P. M. FRIDAY, JUNE 7 VIA BOAC FLIGHT 503 FROM LONDON, FORD FOUNDATION PERSONNEL WILL MEET. UPON ARRIVAL YOUR BROTHER WILL CONTACT YOU. NO SPECIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.
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REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSISINATION

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY SINGLE PAGE NEWS SUPPLEMENTS DISTRIBUTED FREE BY THE TWO MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE. AMONG THESE WERE LETTERS FROM BURGERMEISTER HANS KOSCHNICK, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BREMEN BURGERSCHAFT AND A JOINT TELEGRAM FROM THE SPD BURGERSCHAFT FRAKTION AND THE LAND PARTY ORGANIZATION. IN ADDITION THERE HAS BEEN A MODERATE TO HEAVY TRAFFIC OF PERSONS COMING TO THE CONGEN TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK.

AMONG THE FIRST TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK WAS BURGERMEISTER KOSCHNICK WHO FOLLOWED THE SIGNING WITH A CALL ON THE CONSUL IN CHARGE. THERE FOLLOWED A HALF HOUR CONVERSATION ON WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED "THE STATE OF THE NATION. KOSCHNICK WAS OBVIOUSLY PERSONALLY DISTURBED BY THE SENATOR'S DEATH AND BY WHAT HE THOUGHT IT PORTENDED FOR THE U.S., GERMANY AND THE WORLD. HE FREELY CREDITED THE US FOR IMPARTING DEMOCRACY TO THE FRG AND STATED THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS, AND STILL IS, FAR FROM PERFECT HE AND MANY GERMANS FELT THAT THE AMERICAN MODEL HELD BEFORE THEM SERVED AS A GOAL TOWARD WHICH THEY COULD WORK. DURING THE INTERVENING YEARS HOWEVER HE HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY DISAPPOINTED WITH AMERICA'S SEEMING INABILITY TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND BRING FULL DEMOCRACY TO ITS OWN PEOPLE. HIS DISPAIR GAVE WAY TO HOPE DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF JOHN KENNEDY BUT AFTER HIS DEATH THOUGHT THAT AMERICA WAS AGAIN LOSING ITS SENSE OF

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DIRECTION AND MOMENTUM. HE THOUGHT THAT ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE ONE MAN WHO COULD SAVE AMERICA AND NOW HE TOO WAS DEAD.
THE CONGEN OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE DECEASED SENATOR WAS INDEED AN IRREPARABLE LOSS FOR AMERICA, THE OTHER LEADING CANDIDATES OF BOTH PARTIES, IN ESSENCE, SHARED HIS GOALS FOR AMERICA. THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EMULATE HIS PARTICULAR STYLE OF LEADERSHIP, THEY NEVERTHELESS, IN THEIR OWN WAY, CAN STILL ATTAIN THESE GOALS. WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO DISPUTE THE ABOVE, KOSCHNICK APPARENTLY REMAINS CONVINCED THAT ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN DESTINED TO PLAY A UNIQUE ROLE ON THIS EARTH AND WITH HIS DEATH IT WILL REMAIN UNPLAYED. KOSCHNICK CONCLUDED HIS VISIT, HOWEVER, WITH THE HOPE THAT AMERICA WILL SOLVE ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND THEREBY REGAIN ITS FORMER STATURE. OTHERWISE, HE FELT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE HOPE FOR GERMANY, OR EVENTUALLY, FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD. ELLISON

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SUBJ: PEARSON TO ATTEND KENNEDY FUNERAL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S STATEMENT RELEASED THIS NOON: QTE THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES THAT THE RIGHT HONORABLE L. B. PEARSON WILL REPRESENT HIM PERSONALLY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AT THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN NEW YORK CITY. THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT NO MAN COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENT AND EXPRESS THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OF ALL CANADIANS IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. A. E. RITCHIE, WILL REPRESENT CANADA AT THE CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IN WASHINGTON. END QTE

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SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

1. FOUR EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB AFTER SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH SHARED OBSERVATION THAT US MUST NOT BE JUDGED ONLY SOURCE AND VICTIM OF VIOLENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD. LA PRESSE MOST ELOQUENTLY SUMMED UP THEIR ATTITUDES. QTE WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO THROW ROCKS AT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.... IN THIS GREAT REPUBLIC AS ELSEWHERE IT IS A MINORITY OF EXTREMISTS WHO DESPISE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS LIKE THEM THAT SOWS HATE AND TERROR....IT IS TOO EARLY TO DANCE ON THE TOMB OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AS COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE HAVE DONE. WE BELIEVE INSTEAD THAT THIS THIRD TRIAL WILL REQUIRE FROM THE WHOLE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY A NEW COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND TO CIVIL RIGHTS UNQTE.

2. GLOBE AND MAIL, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY'S ACRIMONIOUS EDITORIAL, ADMITTED SEEDS OF VIOLENCE MAY BE PRESENT IN HATE-SMEAR LITERATURE BEING PRODUCED IN PRESENT CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. PAPER ADDED QTE FIXING THE BLAME IS RISKY. IT TENDS TO HELP OUTSIDERS OVERLOOK THE EVILS WHICH THEY SHARE...WITH THOSE THEY EXCORIATE UNQTE.

3. YESTERDAY'S OTTAWA JOURNAL ALSO SPECULATED ON POSSIBILITY SUCH VIOLENCE COULD HAPPEN IN CANADA AND WARNED AGAINST CONDEMNATION OF US. QTE A NATION AS A WHOLE CANNOT BE INDICTED FOR ITS MADMEN...POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IS NOT INDIGENOUS TO THE US UNQTE. TODAY'S JOURNAL CALLED FOR CLOSER EXAMINATION OF SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT IN

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ORDER UNDERSTAND ROOT CAUSES OF SUCH VIOLENCE. JOURNAL CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT QTE THE SHOCK AND HORROR OF THIS LATEST TRAGEDY MAY WAKEN SOCIETY TO THE NEARNESS OF THE ABYSS OF ANARCHY UNQTE.

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GABON MATIN WHICH ORDINARILY DOES NOT HAVE PHOTOS ON COVER PAGE APPEARED THIS MONRING WITH PICTURE OF SEN KENNEDY ON COVER AND CARRIED FOL MESSAGE WHICH SENT BY PRESIDENT BONGO TO PRES JOHNSON: "THE NEWS OF SEN KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS BEEN GRIEVOUSLY FELT BY THE GABONESE PEOPLE, THE GABONESE GOVT AND BY ME. FOR THE SECOND TIME THE KENNEDY FAMILY PAYS WITH ITS BLOOD FOR ITS ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TRANSMIT TO THEM, WITH OUR MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES, OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY. WE SADLY ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THIS CRUEL BEREAVEMENT WHICH IS ALSO THE BEREAVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST AND FRIENDLIEST CONSIDERATION." BANE

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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1. OFFICIAL REACTION. NEWS OF SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY REACHED PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN LATE MORNING OF JUNE 5 AT NAIROBI AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONIES FOR ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED WEEK-LONG STATE VISIT TO KENYA. BOTH KENYATTA AND KAUNDA EXPRESSED PROFOUND SHOCK (NAIROBI 4994). VICE PRESIDENT MOI STEPPED ASIDE TO EXPRESS HIS SHOCK AND SYMPATHY TO AMB. FERGUSON AND. AFTER KAUNDA'S DEPARTURE. FORNMIN ARGWINGS- KODHEK AND MINDEF MUNE# NED AT AIRPORT TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS TO AMB. LATTER RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS OF SAME NATURE DURING AFTERNOON FROM MINECON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA AND MINAGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY MCKENZIE

2. (OFFICIAL REACTION - CONT.) NEWS OF DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY JUNE 6 EVOKED THESE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS: FROM PREIDENT KENYATTA IN CABLE TO MRS. KENNEDY-

"I HAVE LEARNED WITH PROFOUND REGRET OF YOUR HUSBAND'S DEATH. AMERICA AND INDEED THE WORLD HAS LOST A COURAGEOUS LIBERAL AND FAR-SIGHTED PERSONALITY. THE

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IDEALS FOR WHICH HE STRIVED WILL LIVE ON AND INSPIRE PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER TO LIVE IN UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND LOVE. AT THIS MOMENT OF GRAVE PERSONAL TRAGEDY, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES."

VICE PRESIDENT MOI, WHO WAS IN KAMPALA WHEN NEWS OF DEATH MADE PUBLIC, JOINED UGANDAN, ZAMBIAN , TANZANIAN, AND CONGO- KINSHASA LEADERS IN JOINT STATEMENT AND MESSAGES IN HONOR OF DECEASED (KAMPALA 2280).

MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING OSOGO MADE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT : " I REGARD THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS A BARBARIC ACT WHICH SEEMS TO BE COMMON IN THE UNITED STATES. IT REFLECTS BADLY ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE USA THAT SUCH BARBARIC ACTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THOSE LEADERS WHO ADVOCATE HUMANITY AND EQUALITY OF HUMAN BEINGS AND WHO HAVE BEEN ADMIRED THE WORLD OVER FOR THEIR CONVICTION FOR HUMAN JUSTICE. IT IS SAD THAT THE YOUNG KENNEDY WAS NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO WIN THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SO AS TO CONTINUE THE POLIECY HIS BROTHER HAD EMBARKED UPON. SOME OF US WERE ALREADY CONVINCED THAT WITH THE PROGRESS HE HAD ALREADY MADE HE WAS GOING TO MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE NEXT YEAR."

MINISTER OF ECON. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA MADE THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT - " AMERCA'S IMAGE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. IT IS TARNISHED AND ANY CLAIMS TO BE THE CUSTODIANS OF DEMOCRACY WILL RING HOLLOW AND RIDICULOUS. THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS A CRIME TO ALL MANKIND. THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED A GREVIOUS LOSS BUT AMERICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE HAVE SUFFERED THE BITTEREST AND IRREPARABLE BLOW. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT HIS MURDERERS COULD ACHIEVE EXCEPT. THE CONTEMPT AND CONDEMNATON OF MANKIND. HERE IS A LESSON FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE GUN HAS REPLACED THE BALLOT BOX AND SOME HEINOUS FORCES ARE BENT ON STOPPINGCHANGE. THIS IS THE TRAGEDY FACING THE WORLD TODAY. BUT KENNEDYJS DEATH CANNOT BE EXPLAINED IN SIMPLE TERMS. IT SHOULD AROUSE THE CONSCIENCE OF MAN AND MODERN GOVERNMENT TO RETHINK THE PURPOSE OF SOCIETY.JJ

LATTER ON JUNE 6 MBOYA MADE FOLLOWING ENTRY IN EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK: JJ THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL FEELINGS OF THIS TRAGEDY. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL

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AND GIVE US ALL THE SANITY THAT WE SO MUCH NEED.JJ
IN MOMBASA ON JUNE 6 MP CLEMENT LUBEMBE. IN HIS ROLE
AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF KENYA'S CENTRAL ORGANIZATION
OF TRADE UNIONS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF
WORKERS OF KENYA: " THE KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY APPEARSM
TO BE A SHOCKING AFFAIR ANDSHOOTING IN AMEICA TODAY
BECOMES THE ORDER OF THE DAY. SINCE AMERICANS ARE OUT TO
SHOOT AND KILL THEIR OWN LEADERS., I WOULD APPEAL TO THE
WORLD TO MOVE UN HEADQUARTERS FROM NEW YORK TO GENEGA,
EEEE GENEVA, WHERE IT STARTED, FOR THERE IS A DEFINITE DANGER TO
OUR LEADERS WHO ARE SERVING US THERE.JJ
3. (OFFICIAL REACITON - CONT.) WHEN NEWS OF SENATOR
KENNEDY,S DEATH REACHED KENYA'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING
EARLY ARTERNOON SESSION JUNE 6, SPEAKER HUMPHREY SLADE
MOVED STANDING TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF
DECEASED AND IN SYMPATHY FOR HIS FAMILY. SLADE MADE THIS
STATEMENT : " WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BEYOND MEASURE BY THE NEWS
OF THE DEATH OF OUR FIREND SEN.KENNEDY AT THE HANDS OF
AN ASSASSIN. I SAY " OUR FRIEND " BECAUSE IT IS NOT VERY
LONG AGO SINCE HE AND MRS. KENNEDY WERE HERE WITH US IN
THIS PARLIAMENT . WE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH THEIR FRIENDLY
VITALITY AND ENTHUSIASM AND THE LIBERALITY OF THEIR IDEAS.
THIS EVEN IN EEE EVEN IS A TRAGEDY FOR HIS NATION , NOT ONLY
IN THE LOSS OF A LEADING FIGURE WITH SUCH HOPE, BUT ALSO IN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH HIS DEATH OCCURRED. WE THINK ALSO OF HIS
WIDOW AND THEIR CHILDREN." AFTER MOMENTS OF SILENCE, MP J. K. KEBASO
SUGGESTED MOVE TO SUSPEND BUSINESS OF ASSEMBLY FOR REST OF
DAY " AS A SIGN OF RESPECT, IN VIEW OF THE WORLDWIDE SHOCK."
SPEAKER SLAD NOTED THAT SUCH MOTION COULD BE MADE AT ANY
TIME BUT HE FELT THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD HAVE WANTED
THOSE CHARGED WIH PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY AROUND WORLD TO
CONTINUE THEIR TASKS. MIN. MBOYA ROSE TO SAY THAT
CHAMBER SHARED KEBASO'S FEELINGS BUT SUGGESTED THAT SPEAKER
SHOULD INSTEAD SEND APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO MRS. ROBERT
KENNEDY. SPEAKER SLAD AGREED. MP KAMWITHI MUNYI SUGGESTED
THAT MP'S RECORD THEIR FEELINGS AT EMBASSY IN BOOK OPENED
THERE FOR THAT PURSPOSE.

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ALTHOUGH EMB. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON JUNE 6 HAD ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH RADIO, PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC NOTES THAT CONDOLENCE BOOKS WOULD BE OPEN AT EMB. AND USIS LIBRARY FOLLOWING DAY, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MP'S, INCLUDING MINISTERS MBOYA, NYAGAH, SAGINI, MCKENZIE AND ATTORNEY GEN. NJONJO CAME TO EMB. SAME AFTERNOON (JUNE 6) TO SIGN BOOK AND EXPRESS FEELINGS VERBALLY TO AMB. SPEAKER SLADE VISITED EMB. JUNE 7 AND ON SAME DAY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BERNARD HING CALLED AMB. TO EXPRESS DEEP SYMPATHY AND SENSE OF PERSONAL LOSS.
4. (OFFICIAL REACTION - CONT.) MFA INFORMED EMB. TODAY THAT MBOYA (ACCOMPANIED BY MFA OFFICIALS AND PRESS) WILL CALL AT EMB. JUNE 8 TO SIGN BOOK AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND GOK AT REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT NEARBY HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.). IN ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MFA EARLY AFTERNOON JUNE 6, AMB. RELAYED NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH BY PERSONAL CALL TO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (PERMSEC KARIITHI), NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS AND MAJ. GEN. PENFOLD.
5. REACTION BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AND EMBASSY RESPONSE. GENERAL FEELING KENYANS PATENTLY ONE OF SHOCK AND SYMPATHY. HAVE BEEN HUNREDS OF CALLS AT RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY, AND USIS BETWEEN FIRST NEWS OF SHOOTING AND DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT. MOST

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CALLERS SOUGHT INFORMATION ON SENATOR'S CONDITION; SOME INDICATED PRAYERS BEING SAID FOR HIM PERSONALLY OR IN PLACES OF WORK, STUDY OR WORSHIP. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS SEEMED PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED BY NEWS . NO ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT CONVEYED BY CALLERS ALTHOUGH SOME EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF CONSPIRACY AND LINK WITH MURDERS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WHILE OTHERS CRITICIZED US GUN LAWS. MOST KENYANS APPEAR GENUINELY UPSET BY DEATH AND MOST BELIEVE THEY HAVE LOST A GOOD FRIEND. EMBASSY OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT CHANCERY AND USIS MID-AFTERNOON JUNE 6. BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 7 NEARLY 700 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAD SIGNED. CONDOLENCE BOOK HAS ALSO BEEN OPENED ON BOARD VISITING AMERICAN SHIP IN MOMBASA, USS CLAUDE JONES.
6. PRESS REACTION. KENNEDY SHOOTING HAS RECEIVED EXTREMELY HEAVY PLAY (CLIPPINGS FOLLOWING BY POUCH) IN ALL LOCAL PAPERS. DAILY NATION RAN TWO UNPRECEDENTED SPECIAL EDITIONS (FIRST

ONE ON SHOOTING AND SECOND ON DEATH) WHILE SWAHILI-LANGUAGE TAIFALEO RAN SPECIAL EDITION ON KENNEDY'S DEATH. HAVE OBSERVED THAT THESE SPECIAL EDITIONS SOLD OUT QUICKLY, MOSTLY TO AFRICANS. EAST AFRICAN STANDARD EDITORIAL ASKED HOW US CAN

TOLERATE THIS OUTRAGE AGAINST SOCIETY AND CALLED FOR STRICTER

CONTROL OVER WEAPONS. IN TWO SEPARATE EDITORIALS TAIFALEO LEVELED HARSH CRITICISM AT LACK OF CONTROL OVER GUNS IN AMERICA. JUNE 6 DAILY NATION EDITORIAL CONCLUDED "POLITICAL THUG IS PART OF THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT" AND CASTIGATED US FOR TOLERATING COMPLETELY INADEQUATE GUN CONTROL LAWS. JUNE7 NATION EDITORIAL DEPLORED STATE OF SOCIETY IN US AND SAID SINGLE OVERRIDING ISSUE "IS AMERICA'S DOMESTIC DISINTEGRATION AND COLLAPSE INTO VIOLENCE". VOICE OF KENYA COMENTARY SOMEWHAT MILDER IN TONE THAN PRESS EDITORIALS BUT ECHOES SAME CRITICISMS OF TREND OF VIOLENCE IN U.S.
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SUBJ: REACTION IN MOZAMBIQUE TO ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY

ALL FOUR DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN MOZAMBIQUE GIVING VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED COVERAGE TO ASSASSINATION. ABOUT 90 PERCENT FRONT PAGE AND FOREIGN NEWS SECTIONS LAST TWO DAYS DEVOTED THERETO, WHICH SOMEWHAT MORE THAN COVERAGE GIVEN SIX DAY WAR AND FAR GREATER THAN ANY EVENT SINCE.

NO EDITORIAL COMMENT WHATEVER IN SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER "NOTICIAS" BUT EXTENSIVE QUOTES REACTION AROUND WORLD. REGULAR EVENING NEWS BROADCAST RADIO CLUBE JUNE 6 DEVOTED ENTIRELY SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH AND IN FACT WAS EFFECTIVE AND MOVING 15 MINUTE SPECIAL WHICH UNIQUE HERE IN EXPER.

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IENCE PRESENT CONGEN STAFF.

CONDOLENCES MAJO ITY CAREER CONSULAR CORPS COLLEAGUES AND A FEW LOCAL FRIENDS WERE PROMPT AND MOVING. WRITTEN CONDOLENCES FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS NOW BEGINNING COME IN. BRITISH AND GERMAN CONSULATES HAVE WITHOUT REGARD PROTOCOL LOWERED THEIR FLAGS. OUR OENTATIVE APPRAISAL REACTION LOCAL CITIZENRY IS GREAT INTEREST WITHOUT WIDESPREAD PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH OUT LOSS. GOSSETT

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SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH LED FRANCE'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON PRESS AND STILL RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE FRIDAY MORNING PAPERS. THE STRIKE AND ELECTORAL SITUATION AT HOME HOWEVER REGAINED PROMINENCE IN MANY OF THE LATTER AS GEN. DE GAULLE WAS TO MAKE ANOTHER APPEARANCE ON TV TONIGHT.

MICHEL HABIB-DELONCLE WROTE IN LA NATIOZTHE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY HAS FOUND ITS EPILOGUE. AT THE AGE OF 43, ROBERT KENNEDY SUCCUMBED TO THE CRIMINAL ATTEMPT OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM, AS HIS BROTHER DID LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AGO. THREE BROTHERS DIED OF VIOLENT DEATH, THE FIRST ONE IN THE WAR, AND THE TWO OTHERS UNDER THE BULLETS OF ASSASSINS IN THE FIELD OF HONOR OF CIVISM. WHAT A TRAGIC DESTINY! WHO WOULD NOT BE FILLED WITH HORROR AND COMPASSION BEFORE THESE MEN MOWED DOWN IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES BY AN IMPLACABLE FATE? TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN TO MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH KENNEDY AND TO THIS ENTIRE FAMILY, SO BRILLIANT, NOT SO LONG AGO AND NOW SO SORELY TRIED, LA NATION ADDRESSES ITS SADDENED CONDOLENCES. TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SO RIGHTLY MOVED AND STUNNED BY THAT TRAGEDY, WE TELL THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE ENTIRE FRENCH PEOPLE UNDER THESE TERRIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES."

LOUIS GABRIEL-ROBINET SIMILARLY WROTE IN FIGARO: "MAY WE BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS HOW MUCH WE PARTICIPATE TO THIS TRAGEDY IN THESE FUNEREAL HOURS. BEYOND

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THE VERY PERSON OF THE YOUNG, BRILLIANT AND COURAGEOUS STATESMAN SO COWARDLY SHOT DOWN, THIS NEW TRAGEDY PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS THE FREE MEN, THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY, WHO HATE HATRED AND WHO ARE HORRIFIED BY VIOLENCE. IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE BOW BEFORE A FAMILY SO CURELLY TRIED AND BEFORE A GREAT PEOPLE PLUNGED INTO SADNESS AND STUPER."

LE MONDE EDITORIALIZED: "WHETHER THE MURDERER OF ROBERT KENNEDY ACTED ON HIS OWN OR WAS THE INVOLUNTARY INSTRUMENT OF A SOMBER CONSPIRACY, THE CRIMINAL GESTURE OF A PALESTINAAN NATIONALIST ON THIS JUNE 5, THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE 'SIX-DAY WAR' IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC. A YEAR AFTER THE VICTORY OF GEN. DAYAN'S TROOPS, TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. DESPAIR AND HATRED HAVE NEVER BEEN SO INTENSE AMONG A PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES ROBBED OF THEIR HOMELAND... THE RESOLUTELY PRO-ISRAELI STATEMENTS OF ROBERT KENNEDY DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HIS CALLS FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF AMERICAN WEAPON DELIVERIES TO MR. ESHKOL'S GOVERNMENT COULD EXASPERATE THIS 24-YEAR OLD YOUNG MAN WHO, LIKE MANY OF HIS FORMER COMPATRIOTS, ONLY DREAMS OF REVENGE AND 'LIBERATION'."

COMBAT EDITORIALIZED: "IT LITTLE MATTERS THAT ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN WAS NOT AMERICAN-BORN AND IT IS NOT IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THE EXPLANATION OF THAT TRAGEDY HAS TO BE SOUGHT. EVEN SUPPOSING THAT THE MURDERER ACTED ALONE ON HIS OWN, WHICH IS NOT PROVEN, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT FORCES OF VIOLENCE AND INTOLERANCE EXIST INTHE USA WHICH DO NOT RECOIL BEFORE ASSASSINATION TO STOP OR DELAY INCLUCTABLE EVOLUTIONS. THIS NEW TRAGEDY SHOULD MAKE THE AMERICANS AWAREOF THE URGENT NECESSITY OF TAKING MEASURES FOR INSURING THE FREE FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH THEIR FRIENDS INCREASINGLY HESITATE TO CITE AS AN EXAMPLE, AND WHICH THEIR ENEMIES ARE ONLY TOO GLAD TO SEE DESTROYING ITSELF. TO TAKE THE PROBLEM UNDER ITS MOST ELEMENTARY ASPECT, IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES CAN ANY LONGER OBTAIN A FIREARM AS EASILY AS A CAR. NOR IS IT CCONCEIVABLE, - AND THIS APPLIES TO ALL COUNTRIES -- THAT MODERN NEWS AND ENJOYMENT MEDIA CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT CONTROL TO INDULGE IN A PERMANENT APOLOGY OF VIOLENCE. TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE THING, WHAT HAS TO BE RESTORED IS CIVISM, OR IN OTHER WORDS THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IMPLIES AN IMMENSE WORK OF INFORMATION, FORMATION AND RESEARCH, WHICH SO FAR HAS BEEN SACRIFICED TO THE EXCLUSIVE SATISFACTION OF MATERIAL AND

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MERCANTILE NEEDS. THIS ALSO IMPLIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FIRST TO GIVE THE EXAMPLE OF CIVISM BY STRIVING TO HEAL THE TWO CANCERS THAT ARE PRAYING ON AMERICA: THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE NEGRO PROBLEM. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS AWARE OF THAT. HE HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO THAT STRUGGLE, HE DIED BECAUSE OF THAT. BUT WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY FINALLY WILL BE HEARD."

GENEVIEVE TABOUIS NOTED IN PARIS-JOUR: "THE REAL SECRET WAS THAT, AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE ONLY ONE TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S ASSASSINATION. HE HAD KEPT SILENT IN ORDER NOT TO CAUSE HORRIBLE CONVULSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT PEOPLE KNOW THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER HIMSELF RELEASED FROM HIS OATH IF HE HAD ONE DAY THE AUTHORITY OF A US PRESIDENT. THIS IS WHY, BEFORE THE MURDER, ORGANS OF THE FAR-RIGHT DESIGNATED HIM AS THE MAN TO KILL, USING HIS POSITIONS AN VIETNAM AS A PRETEXT."

LUCIENNE HUBERT-RODIER IN LA NATION CONSIDERED A HUMPHREY-MCCARTHY TICKET LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THE CHICAGO CONVENTION "UNLESS NATURALLY, PRESIDENT JOHNSON, IN A LAST MINUTE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT, BE SOLICITED BY A CHEERING CONVENTION TO PURSUE HIS TASK AT THE HEAD OF THE STATE."
G. ANDERSEN IN COMBAT CONSIDERED ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AS "A NEW TRUMP FOR MR. JOHNSON... TO THE POINT THAT HE WILL BE LED TO RECONSIDER HIS RENUNCIATION OF ANOTHER TERM." WHILE THE USSR PREVIOUSLY COULD BE INTERESTED IN PROLONGING THE WAR IN VIETNAM WITH A VIEW TO FAVORING THE ELCTION OF AN UNCONDITIONAL PARTISAN OF PEACE", HE REMARKED, "NOW, AFTER ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AND THE NEW DIVERGENCES OF OPINION WITH PEKING, SOVIET DIPLOMACY HAS NO MORE REASON FOR PUSHING TO AN EXTENSION OF THE CONFLICT NOR FOR PUTTING A SPOKE IN JOHNSON'S WHEEL. THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY, DESPITE ITS RAVAGES, MAY THUS IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS CONTRIBUTE TO FAVOR EAST-WEST DETENTE."
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SYMPATHETIC REACTION TO NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH CONTINUES, AND EMBASSY ESTIMATES AT LEAST SEVEN THOUSAND PERSONS-- MOSTY FRENCH OF ALL CLASSES -- HAVE NOW SIGNED REMEMBRANCE BOOKS. AS OF SIX-THIRTY P.M. TONIGHT MORE THAN HUNDRED STILL WAITING IN LINES AND OTHERS ARRIVING.

AT LEAST FOUR CHURCHES, ST. JOSEPH'S, ST. JEAN DE MONTMARTRE, AMERICAN CATHEDRAL AND AMERICAN CHURCH PLANNING COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AND MANY FRENCH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES PLAN ATTEND ONE OR MORE OF SAME. CONSULATES REPORT SAME REACTION WITH SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES SCHEDULED AT AMERICAN CHURCH NICE. WALLNER
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JOINT STATE/USIA MESSAGE.

1. REACTION OF PRETORIANS TO THE ASSISSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY HAS BEEN ONE OF SHOCK, DISBELIEF AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY WHICH HAS NOW LOST TWO SONS BY ASSISSINATION. THE EMBASSY AND USIS TELEPHONES HAVE BEEN JAMED BY CALLERS EXPRESSING SORROW AND SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF A STATESMEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. TELEGRAMS HAVE COME IN FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY.

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2. THE ASSISSINATION HAS PUSHED ALL OTHER NEWS FROM THE FRONT PAGES. FULL ACCOUNTS OF THE TRAGEDY HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXTENSIVE PLAY IN ALL LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS UNDER SUCH HEADLINES ANS "BOBBY FIGHTS FOR LIFE," "A HORRIBLE DEED," "DEBATE AND VIOLENCE," "LAW OF THE JUNGLE," "BEHIND THE KENNEDY TRAGEDY." ARTICLES HAVE GENERALLY BEEN OBJECTIVE IN SEEKING TO EXPLAIN THE HISTORICAL PATTERN OF POLITICAL LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM, THE ASSISSINATION AS IT OCCURED AND THE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS FACING THE UNITED STATES. AT SAME TIME, THERE HAS BEEN UNDERCURRENT OF SATISFACTION WITH A RELATIVE DEGREE OF ORDER IN SA SOCIETY, DESPITE RECORD OF VERY WEIRD ASSISSINATION.

3. THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE AND EXCELLENT COVERAGE WITH VOA ACTUALITY SPOTS SPICING THE NEWSCASTS. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION, AND OTHER ITEMS FEATURING ON SPOT COVERAGE HAVE BEEN HIGH-

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4. THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY STREAM OF VISITORS TO THE EMBASSY TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE REGISTER. AMONG THE MANY PROMINENT PERSONALITIES HAVE BEEN THE MAYOR OF PRETORIA, THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE, REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS EMBASSIES, DR. SITA, FOLLOWER OF GHANDAIAN PRINCIPLES OF NON-VIOLENCE AND OPPOSER OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT AND MANY PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN, LEGAL PERSONALITIES , EDUCATIONISTS AND STUDENTS. TELEPHONIC MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY HAVE COME FROM MANY OTHERS, INCLUDING MR. D.F. SOLE, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AMD MAJOR GENERAL G.D. MOODIE, CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE PLANNING STAFF.

5. IN AN ADDRESS, JUNE 6, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND'S SIXTH ANNUAL DAY OF AFFIRMATION OF ACADEMIC AND HUMAN FREEDOM, DR. ALAN PATON PAID TRIBUTE TO SENATOR KENNEDY AND EXTENDED SYMØATHY TO THE FAMILY. JOHN KANE-BERMAN, PRESIDENT STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, ASKED THE AUDIENCE TO STAND IN SILENCE IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR. IN THE CLOSING ADDRESS JOHN DANIEL, PRESIDENT NUSAS, AND HOST TO SENATOR KENNEDY ON HIS VISIT TO REPUBLIC IN 1966 SAID THAT IN SENATOR KENNEDY YOUNG PEOPLE "SAW A HOPE FOR A NEW BRAND OF POLITICS IN THE FUTURE... NOW THAT HE IS GONE IT IS DIFFICULT NOT TO DESPAIR OF ALL HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. BUT WE WILL NOT DESPAIR; THE MESSAGE OF KENNEDY LIVES ON AND WE WILL CARRY IT FORWARD."

6. THE ARCHBISHOP OF PRETORIA, THE REV. GARNER, HAS ASKED ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES TO HOLD PRAYERS FOR KENNEDY AND FAMILY. A REQUIEM MASS IS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 11 A.M., IN PRETORIA'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE. ROUNTREE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4223

1. CONGEN ASMARA REPORTS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO EMPEROR INQUIRING ON BEHALF H.I.M. WHETHER WHITE HOUSE HAS REPLIED TO MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WHICH PRIVATE SECRETARY STATES EMPEROR SENT PRESIDENT YESTERDAY FOLLOWING DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

2. APPRECIATE DEPT'S REPEATING ANSWER THIS MESSAGE TO ASMARA.

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O F F I C I A L T R A N S L A T I O N

SUBJECT: HONDURAN PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, TO WIDOW OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND KENNEDY FAMILY:

QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY THE EMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TEGUCIGALPA. I OFFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PERSONNEL OF YOUR EMBASSY THIS EXPRESSION OF MY PROFOUND GRIEF FOR THE DEATH OF THE VERY ILLUSTRIOUS SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE LOSS IS JUSTLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SINCERELY, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO. UNQUOTE

2. ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR, CHARGE HAS MADE APPROPRIATE REPLY.
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SUBJECT: HONDURAN PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES TO KENNEDY FAMILY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS, OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, TO WIDOW OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND KENNEDY FAMILY:

QUOTE EXCMO SENOR EMBAJADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA. CIUDAD. HAGO PRESENTES A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA, EXTENSIVAS AL PERSONAL DE ESA EMBAJADA, LAS MANIFESTACIONES DE MI PROFUNDO PESAME ANTE DECESO MUY ILUSTRE SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY CUYO DESAPARECIMIENTO HA CONMOVIDO JUSTAMENTE LA CONCIENCIA UNIVERSAL. ATENTAMENTE. OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLAN UNQUOTE

2. ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR, CHARGE HAS MADE APPROPRIATE REPLY.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2549

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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

REF: MANAGUA 1837

1. NICARAGUAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PASSED UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION JUNE 6 EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ON OCCASION TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INCLUDING ALL SHADES OF POLITICAL OPINION CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CROCKETT JUNE 7 TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS CONDOLENCE MESSAGES AND PHONE CALLS. NEWS MEDIA CONTINUING HEAVY COVERAGE ALONG SAME LINES AS REPORTED REFTEL.

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KING HAS DECIDED APPOINT REV. GAMEDE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND KENNEDY FUNERAL AND HAS SENT HIM FOLLOWING MESSAGE VIA BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. ""I AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF MY KINGDOM HAVE BEEN HORRIFIED AND GREATLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE ASSISSANATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, ONE OF THE WORLDS GREATERST LEADERS IN THE CAUSE OF THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION AND HUMANITY OF ALL PEOPLE. I AND MY PEOPLE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY WITH CONDOLENCES TO THE SADLY BEREAVED WIDOW AND ORPHANS OF SENATOR KENNEDY. I WISH YOU TO ATTEND AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE THE FUNERAL OF SENATOR KENNEDY AT ARLINGTON CEMETARY IN WASHINGTON AND TO GIVE SUCH PUBLICITY AS YOU CAN SUITABLE ARRANGE TO THIS MESSAGE OF MINE TO YOUR.""

WOULD DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT GAMEDE WITH THIS MESSAGE AND ASSIST HIM ATTEND FUNERAL. SWAZI SYMPATHY AND GRIEF IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND. REQUEM MASS HERE JUNE 8.
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UNCLAS YAOUNDE 1586

SUBJ: REACTION TO DEATH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

REF: DEPTEL 176747 — POL 6 US/KENNEDY, ROBERT F.

1. UPON RECEIVING NEWS PRESIDENT AHIDJO IMMEDIATELY CABLED CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY. ALSO ON DAY DEATH MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEC GEN FOREIGN MIN, DIRECTOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND CHIEF PROTOCOL VISITED EMBASSY PAY RESPECTS AND SIGN BOOKS. MIN FOR AFF GAVE SHORT EULOGY KENNEDY TO CHARGE.

2. NUMEROUS AMBASSADORS AND OTHER DIPLOMATS PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CALLED AND SIGNED BOOKS, SENT LETTERS CONDOLENCE AND/OR TELEPHONED. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ENTIRELY OVERCOME BY GRIEF ON ARRIVAL.

3. MANY CAMEROONIANS CAME TO EMBASSY, SOME PREFERRED NOT SIGN BOOKS. OTHERS WROTE STATEMENTS IN TRIBUTE TO KENNEDY AND/OR DEPLORING VIOLENCE IN U.S. IRONIC STATEMENTS MADE REGARDING AMERICA BEING A POLITICAL MODEL FOR REST WORLD.

4. NEWS PROGRAMS RADIO CAMEROON ALMOST CONFINED TO KENNEDY DEATH. USUAL LONG RUN-DOWN WORLD REACTIONS ON 8 P.M. NEWS. RADIO CAMEROON EDITORIAL ECHOED EARLIER SENTIMENTS QUOTE WHY DOES VIOLENCE REIGN SO STRONGLY IN THE UNITED STATES? POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IS GROWING IN THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. DENNIS

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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6610

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SUBJ: VICE PRIME MINISTER DE CLERCQ'S EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND KENNEDY FAMILY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE RECEIVED TODAY BY THE AMBASSADOR FROM VICE PRIME MINISTER WILLY DE CLERCQ:

"DEEPLY MOVED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I WISH TO ASK YOU TO TRANSMIT MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. ALL PEACE LOVING MEN WILL FEEL THE BRUTAL DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY AS A BLOW AND AN AGRESSION AGAINST THE IDEALS OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY. IT IS AN IMMENSE LOSS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES." KNIGHT

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FM AMEMBASSY RAWALPINDI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3759

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY FUNERAL

MFA STATES GOP AMBASSADOR OR IN HIS ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY, CHARGE BEING DESIGNATED GOP REPRESENTATIVE IN KENNEDY FUNERAL.
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SUBJ: CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. ABDEL RAHMAN AL-GHONEIM, SON-IN-LAW OF FORMER KING SAUD, CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS SAUD'S PERSONAL CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE ASKED THAT THESE BE PASSED ON TO KENNEDY FAMILY AND USG.

2. REQUEST THAT ANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BE PASSED THROUGH US. SAUD IS NOW LIVING AT KAVOURI HOTEL NEAR ATHENS.

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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2784
INFO AMEMBASSY BENGHAZI
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1. AMONG MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO EMBASSY ON DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, FOLLOWING MAY BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT.

2. BY SIGNING BOOK IN TRIPOLI: (A)GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA: AHMAD AWN SAUF, MINISTER OF INTERIOR: FATHI AL-KHOJAH, MASTER OF ROYAL CEREMONIES: SAALIM MURAYYID, MUHAFIDH OF GHARIAAN: SHEIKH MUHAMMAD AL-MA'AIZI, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: JUDGE JAMES ROBINSON (AMERICAN), JUSTICE SUPREME COURT: JUDGE ALI HAADI AL-TURKI, PRESIDENT COURT OF APPEALS: AHMAD ABBAS, DIRECTOR, OFFICE MINISTER INTERIOR: MUHAMMAD UTHMAAN AS-SAID, FORMER PRIME MINISTER: NAAFATI 'UTHMA
,,RETIRED UNDERSECRETARY,
NAZIRATE OF INTERIOR.(B) BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN: HAJ MUHAMMAD SHAYBAANI, PRESIDENT SHEBCO: IZZ AD-DIIN ABU RAWWI, PRESIDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OF TRIPOLI: (C)DIPLOMATIC CORPS: MIDHAT FITFIT, AMBASSADOR OF LEBANON AND DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS: PAUL FOUCHET, FRENCH AMBASSADOR: GIUSEPPE CASSAR, HONORARY CONSUL OF NETHERLANDS: RICHARD LOUIS, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ACCOMPANIED BY TWO EMBOFFS: SECOND SECRETARY MONGI SLAAMA ON BEHALF STAFF TUNISIAN EMBASSY: EDOUARD CORBI, ATTACHE BELGIAN EMBASSY.

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3. BY TELEGRAM: FORMER PRIME MINISTER 'ABD AL-QAADIR AL-BADRI: SENATOR ABU BAKR NA'AMAH (FORMER MINISTER LABOR): 'ALI ANIIS, CHAIRMAN TRIPOLI ELECTRICITY CORPORATION: AWNI DAJAANI, FORMER JUDGE, LEGAL COUNSEL TO ROYAL HOUSEHOLD.

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AND MEMBER ESSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

4. BY LETTER: FIRST PERSON NOTES FROM CARLO CALENDA, AMBASSADOR OF ITALY; FERNANBO R-PORRERO DE CHAVARRI, AMBASSADORI OF SPAIN; MUSTAFA BOROVALI, AMBASSADOR OF TURKEY; LETTER FROM DIRECTOR AND ENTIRE STAFF OF OIL INDUSTRY MEDICAL SOCIETY. NEWSOM

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MASTER OF ROYAL CEREMONIES VISITED EMBASSY ON JUNE 7 AND STATED KING IDRIS HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY CONVEY HIS MAJESTY'S HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S WIFE AND FAMILY. NEWSOM

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FOLLOWING TEL FPPFVD FM ASMARA THIS DATE REPEEATED SECSTATE FOR YOUR INFO QUOTE:

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SUB: PRESS REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ASMARA'S GOVERNMENT-RUN, ITALIAN LANGUAGE DAILY IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO ON THURSDAY MORNING RAN A FRONT-PAGE, FOUR-COLUMN STORY ON TO SHOOTING OF ROBERT KENNEDY. HEBRET, THE GOVERNMENT-RUN TIGRIGNA LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER USED THE SAME STORY THAT APPEARED IN QUOTIDIANBRM THE QUOTIDIANO HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "BOBBY KENNEDY VICTIM OF A SHAMEFUL MURDER ATTEMPT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS VICTORY IN THE CALIFORN IA
PRIMARY." SUBHEAD: "HORROR AND INDIGNATION BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CONFINES OF THE UNITED STATES - THE ASSAILANT IS CAPTURED BUT HIS IDENTITY IS NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN - THE CONSTERNATION OF JOHNSON AND PROFOUND GRIEF EVEN FROM SENATOR MCCARTHY - JACQUELINE SUFFERING DEEP LY -
THE PROTECTION OF ALL CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES ORDERED - REACTIO NS
IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN - OPERATION LASTS FOUR HOURS. "

2. THE QUOTIDIANO ACCOUNT CONTAINED ACCURATE DETAILS OF THE ASSASSI- NATION ATTEMPT AND QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT REGARDIN G
THE TRAGEDY. THE ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO, SAID THAT

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THE NEWS OF THE SHOOTING SHOCKED LONDONERS WHO WERE EXTREMELY FOND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY. IN ADDITION, THE STORY INCLUDED A LENGTHY BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN EITHER QUOTIDIANO OR HEBRET.

3. THE PRIVATELY OWNED ITALIAN-LANGUAGE DAILY (PM) GIORNALE DELL' ERITREA ALSO CARRIED A FOUR-COLUMN PAGE-ONE STORY. HEADLINE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "ROBERT KENNEDY IS DEAD" SUBHEAD: "WITHOUT GAINING CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER SURGERY - THE CASKET WILL BE BROUGHT TODAY TO WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK - THE ASSASSIN WAS BORN IN JORDAN CAME TO UNITED STATES IN 1957 - HE HAD THE MURDER WEAPON IN HIS POCKET AND A SCHEDULE OF HIS VICTIM'S JUNE SPEECHES - HE WILL APPEAR IN LOS ANGELES COURT TOMORROW - AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON - A COMMISSION HAS BEEN NAMED TO EXAMINE THE CAUSES OF THE ACTUAL TRAGEDY - FLAGS AT HALF-MAST IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN FACILITIES ABROAD."

4. MAJOR PORTIONS OF THIS NEWS ACCOUNT WERE SUPPLIED BY USIS FROM WIRELESS FILE AND VOA MATERIAL. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN GIORNALE.
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PRIMIN. CABINET MINISTERS PRESENT IN ADDIS AND NUMEROUS MEMBERS ROYAL FAMILY HAVE COME TO EMBASSY TO SIGN BOOK. MANY OF THEM HAVING HAD DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE ASKED US TO EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. ALL HAVE EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR OUR NATIONAL LOSS. MOST HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WORLDWIDE RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN SETTLEMENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND THOSE WE KNOW WELL HAVE EXPRESSED FERVENT HOPE THE U.S. WILL FIND A WAY TO LEAD IN A RESTORATION OF ORDER AND SANITY TO POLITICAL LIFE.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. VIRTUALLY UNIVERSAL ATTITUDE EVIDENCED BY SOMALIS AT ALL LEVELS BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE IS SENSE OF SYMPATHY AND DISMAY IN WHICH THEY JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND NATION. NO CONSEQUENTIAL INDICATIONS AT ALL OF ASCRIBING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AS MANIFESTATION OF AN INHERENTLY VIOLENT US CHARACTERISTIC. EMPHASIS GIVEN IN GSR PRESS TO NON-AMERICAN ORIGIN AND TIES OF ALLEGED ASSASSIN BASED ON GSR EDITING OF AFP AND REUTERS NEWS SERVICE ON GSR'S OWN INITIATIVE SINCE NO US NEWS SERVICE RECEIVED HERE AND EMBASSY/USIS HAS ISSUED NO REPEAT NO ITEMS THIS NATURE.

2. ON HIS OWN INITITIVE PRIME MINISTER EGAL COMMUNICATED WITH AMBASSADOR THURSTON TO REQUEST THAT HE BE THE FIRST TO SIGN THE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE WHICH LOCATED IN EMBASSY FOR ALL WHO WISHED TO DO SO TO SIGN.

3. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION DG REACHED AT HOME OUT OF BUSINESS HOURS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY AND REPEATED GSR RADIO BROADCASTING OF EMBASSY/USIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY ABOVE MENTIONED BOOK OF CONDOLENCE. GSR ALSO CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT IN FULL ON FRONT PAGE OF SOMALI NEWS IN HEAVY TYPE. AS RESULT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED SIGNATURES ALREADY ENTERED DURING FIRST FEW HOURS. PRESENT TENTATIVE PLAN IS TO RECEIVE SIGNATURES THROUGH JUNE 10.

4. NO ANTI-US ATTITUDES DISCERNIBLE AND ACT ASCRIBED GENERALLY

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5. TEXT PRESIDENT SCERMARCHE'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON PUBLISHED TODAY'S SOMALI NEWS: BEGIN QUOTE - I LEARNED WITH DEEP SORROW OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE NEWS HAS SHOCKED THE WHOLE SOMALI NATION. PLEASE ACCEPT YOURSELF AND EXTEND TO MRS. KENNEDY AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LATE SENATOR'S FAMILY THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCE OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE, GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF ON THIS SAD DEVELOPMENT. END QUOTE. THURSTON

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SUBJECT: BLOND IN KENNEDY CASE

CONGEN NICE (ESSENTIAL PROTECT) REPORTS FOLLOWING INFO POSSIBLY PERTINENT TO SEARCH FOR BLOND MENTIONED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION:

A) LINA EL MIKTADI, LEBANESE UN GUIDE, ADDRESS 265 EAST 63RD ST NEW YORK, FIVE FEET FIVE, 120 POUNDS, VERY BLOND, BORN BAGDAD, 25YRS OLD, ALLEGEDLY VIOLENTLY ANTI-JEWISH, SPAT ON ISRAELI AMBASSADOR UN AFTER JUNE 67 WAR, VISITED BEIRUT LAST FALL, CONTRACT ENDED WITH UN MAY 28.

B) HER FATHER WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED BY ISRAELIS ONE YEAR AGO AND IS IN TEL AVIV PRISON, MEMBER OF AL FATAH

C) BROTHER REPORTEDLY CRIPPLED BY JEWISH UNDERGROUND

D) COUSIN ALSO UN GUIDE

E) BOSS IN UN WAS MAURICE LIU, CHIEF PUBLIC INFO SECTION UN.

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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCES SENATOR KENNEDY

1. OUTHONG SOUVANNAVONG, PRESIDENT OF THE KING'S COUNCIL OF THE RLG HAS FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JUNE 7:

" IT IS WITH PROFOUND SADNESS THAT THE KING'S COUNCIL LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF AN IGNOBLE ASSASSINATION. IN THESE SAD CIRCUMSTANCES, I ASK IN THE NAME OF MY COLLEAGUES AND IN MY NAME THAT YOU TRANSMIT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, YOUR CONGRESS AS WELL AS TO THE AGGRIEVED WIDOW AND KENNEDY FAMILY OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES."

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 178273

1. AFSHAR, MFA, INFORMS US THAT HE HAS ALERTED IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND UN REP IN NEW YORK TO STAND BY FOR POSSIBLE DESIGNATION ATTEND FUNERAL AND INTERMENT SERVICES.

2. HE NOTED THAT SINCE PERSON SO DESIGNATED WOULD ALSO BE SHAH'S REPRESENTATIVE, HE HAS REFERRED QUESTION TO SHAH'S ENTOURAGE IN ADDIS ABABA. HARLAN

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STAE
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN THE NAME OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME, OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ROMANIAN PRESS OF JUNE 6 DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO FACTUAL REPORTING OF EVENT. PRESS OF JUNE 7, WHICH ANNOUNCED HIS DEATH, COMMENTED ON ASSASSINATION. IT ALSO GAVE TEXT OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM GNA PRESIDENT STEFAN VOITEC TO VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF SENATE.

2. RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE DAILY SCINTEIA OF JUNE 7, IN ARTICLE SIGNED BY ION FINTINARU (FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR), DEPLORED PASSING OF ONE OF MORE "RATIONAL" AMERICAN PUBLIC FIGURES AND NOTED THAT HIS PROGRAM INCLUDED CESSATION OF WAR IN VIET-NAM AND MORE RIGHTS FOR AMERICAN NEGRO POPULATION. MAIN THRUST OF ARTICLE, HOWEVER, WAS DIATRIBE AGAINST AMERICAN SOCIAL SYSTEM. SCINTEIA ARGUED THAT ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND

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ROBERT KENNEDY, PLUS CRIMES PERPETRATED AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS MILITANTS AND OTHER PROGRESSIVES, PRODUCE PICTURE OF SYSTEM IN WHICH "CRIME AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATION HAVE GROWN DEEP ROOTS AND GROW LIKE POISENOUS MUSHROOMS ON ROTTEN SOIL. EVERYTHING FLOWS FROM PRICIPLES AND NORMS WHICH GOVERN SYSTEM IN WHICH MONEY AND NOT MAN AND LIFE GIVE MEASURE OF ALL THINGS, IN WHICH ARBITRARINESS AND CYNICISM HAVE FREE REIN." LATER SECTION OF SCINTEIA ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT ENTIRE FBI APPARATUS IS USED IN "FEROCIOUS PERSECUTION OF DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES, IN REPRESSION OF MOVEMENTS AGAINST SEGREGATION AND FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, IN INTIMIDATING INTELLECTUALS WITH FORWARD-LOOKING VIEWS AND THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST WAR...AT SAME TIME, RACIST, MILITARIST, AND NEW-FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FULL PROTECTION AND DO ANYTHING THEY PLEASE." ARTICLE ALSO ARGUES THAT THERE IS "CLOSE CONNECTION" BETWEEN PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE IN U.S. INTERNAL POLITICAL LIFE AND "AGGRESSIVE" ORIENTATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY IN VIET-NAM.

3. ROMANIA LIBERA OF JUNE 7 DEVOTED MORE SPACE THAN SCINTEIA TO PAINTING FLATTERING PICTURE OF ROBERT KENNEDY (DESCRIBED AS "REMARKABLE POLITICIAN," "PROMOTER OF CIVIL RIGHTS," ADVOCATE OF "REALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD MANY PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE" ETC.). IT ALSO DWELLED ON STRAIN OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, QUOTED FROM ARTHUR SCHLESINGER. UNLIKE SCINTEIA, HOWEVER, IT DID NOT LAUNCH INTO ATTACK ON AMERICAN SOCIETY AS SUCH.
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SUBJ: KENNEDY DEATH, FURTHER PRESS REACTION

1. PRESS NARROWED FOCUS OF THEIR COMMENT TODAY, ALL PAPERS VIEWING ASSASSINATION AS EVIDENCE OF A PARTICULAR MALAISE AFFECTING US. SEVERAL COLUMNISTS STILL DOUBTING FINDINGS OF JFK ASSASSINATION INQUIRY, SEE PROBABILITY OF ANOTHER PLOT, HATCHED BY DARK FORCES, WHICH WILL REMAIN UNSOLVED. EDITORIALS AND COLUMNISTS IN DISCUSSING MALAISE RANGE FROM OPENLY HOSTILE TO US TO SYMPATHETIC TO ITS TROUBLES.

2. COLUMNIST IN IMPACTO TOOK OCCASION TO ATTACK US, TERMING ASSASSINATION EXAMPLE OF HOW FAR DECOMPOSITION OF DECADENT US DEMOCRACY HAD GONE. SAW DEATH RESULT OF FORCES IN SUPER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (US) WHO WANTED TO KEEP US (GUATEMALA,) UNDER BOOT, AND WHO KILLED ROBERT KENNEDY BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE EXTENDED JUSTICE TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. ANOTHER COLUMNIST IN EL GRAFICO COMPARED SITUATION IN US TO TIME PRECEDING FALL OF ROME, WHERE THERE WAS LITTLE RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE OR NATIONAL THINKERS. CALLED FOR PROFOUND TRANSFORMATION IN STRUCTURE AND THINKING US. RODRIGO RAMIREZ IN EL GRAFICO TERMED DEATH OF KENNEDY, DEATH OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE. THE LAST HOPE, AND WONDERED IF FURTHER VIOLENCE WOULD FOLLOW.

4. ALVARO CONTRERAS VELEZ IN PRESA LIBRE WONDERED WHETHER AMB. LINOWITZ IN DESCRIBING LA COUNTRIES AS "MICROCOSM OF SICKNESS OF WORLD" WASN'T A BIT BLIND NOT TO SEE "MACROCOSM OF SICKNESS" AFFECTING HIS OWN COUNTRY. ALSO SAID THAT US CAN'T

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FEEL SO POWERFUL AND SUPERIOR NOW. HE DOUBTED REPORTS THAT SIRHAM HAD ACTED ALONE AND SAW THE SHOOTING, JUST AS JFK'S AND KING'S, AS PLOT.

5. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN EL GRAFICO BELIEVED THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN DANGER, BUT FELT THAT US HAD NOT LOST REASON AND WOULD FIND MEANS TO STOP VIOLENCE. PRENSA LIBRE VIEWED THE ASSASSINATION AS OUTCOME OF POWER OF MINORITIES TO DOMINATE THOUGHT, REFLEXES OF MAJORITIES. THESE MINORITIES MAGNIFY DEFECTS IN SYSTEM TO JUSTIFY THEIR SCORN OF IT. THIS HATE SEEKS EXPIATORY VICTIMS--KING, KENNEDY, WHOMEVER IT MIGHT BE. ADDS THAT US SHOULD STOP SENDING PEACE CORPS YOUTH OUT TO TELL OTHERS HOW TO DO THINGS, BUT SHOULD TEND TO THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, AS NOW SHOULD US PUBLIC FIGURES. MEIN

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT THIEU TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHICH WAS SENT JUNE 7 AND RELEASED TO PRESS SAME DAY:

QTE. MR. PRESIDENT,

I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD FALLEN VICTIM OF A WANTON AND SENSELESS ASSASSINATION.

SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY DEVOTED ALL HIS ACTIVE LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AND OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AT LARGE. HE NOURISHED GREAT AND GENEROUS DREAMS ABOUT A BETTER WORLD, AND EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE HIS CONCEPTS ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE LOFTY AIMS, RESPECT AND ADMIRE HIS IDEALISM, DEDICATION, AND COURAGE.

ON THIS SAD OCCASION, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND TO THE AMERICAN NATION, MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING AWAY OF A GREAT AMERICAN, AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. SINCERELY. UNQTE.
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HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF THE BAHAMAS, SIR RALPH GREY, HAS ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING VERBATIM TEXT:

"SIR,
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE MINISTER CHARGED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PREMIER, DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE HONOURABLE L.O. PINDLING, H.H.A. (THE HONOURABLE A.D. HANNA, M.H.A., DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY) TO ASK THAT YOU BE SO GOOD AS TO TRANSMIT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AND, THROUGH YOUR GOVERNMENT, TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

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THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE BAHAMAS SEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY AT THIS TIME OF SHOCK AND GRIEF.

THE LOSS OF THIS DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN IS PARTICULARLY TRAGIC BECAUSE OF THE SENSELESS VIOLENCE OF WHICH, LIKE HIS BELOVED BROTHER, HE WAS THE VICTIM.

HIS ENERGETIC CAREER IN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HIS DEVOTION TO HUMAN VALUES, TO BROTHERHOOD AND TO HIS COUNTRY, WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED.

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MY MINISTERS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THIS TRAGIC AND SENSELESS ACT SHOULD HAVE DISTURBED THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND CONSIDER THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS THE WORLD OVER WILL FIND IN HIS VIOLENT DEATH A GRAVE MENACE TO THE DEMOCRACY IN WHICH LIES THE WORLD'S MAIN HOPE FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS.

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I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL ASSOCIATE MY WIFE AND ME WITH THIS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY AND SORROW.

I AM CAUSING THE FACT THAT I HAVE TRANSMITTED THIS MESSAGE TO YOU TO BE MADE KNOWN TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND TO HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE,
SIR,
YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,
SIGNED R.F.A. GREY, GOVERNOR"

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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4969

UNCLAS GUATEMALA 4933

SUBJ: KENNEDY DEATH: REACTIONS

1. NEWS OF KENNEDY DEATH, RECECVED TOO LATE FOR MORNING PRESS EDITIONS, FILLS FRONT PAGES AFTERNOON PAPERS. FULL UPI SERVICE STORIES, WITH PHOTOS, CARRIED LEADING EL IMPARCIAL.

2. IMPARCIAL ALSO CARRIED CONDOLENCE STATEMENT BY FONMIN ARENALES INDICATING SADNESS FOR LOSS STATESMAN WHO PROJECTED PROGRESSIVE IDEAS BEYOND FRONTIERS HIS OWN COUNTRY, AND EXPRESSED FEELINGS REVULSION AND IMPOTENCE IN FACE SUCH SENSELESS, TRAGIC AND FUTILE EVENT. "I BELIEVE ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL MUST FEEL OVERWHELMED AT DIMENSIONS SUCH TRAGEDY."

3. SWETES NATIONAL CONGRESS YESTERDAY SENT MESSAGE TO U.S. SENATE CONDEMNING ATTACK ON KENNEDY. VARIOUS OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS REPORTEDLY SENT MESSAGES CONDOLENCE.

4. PAST TWO DAYS' EDITORIAL COMMENT GENERALLY FOCUSSED ON ATTACK AS EVIDENCE GREATER MALAISE AFFLICTING USA AND WORLD. IMPARCIAL JUNE 5 CONSIDERED EVENT FURTHER WOUNDED DEMOCRATIC TRADITION "FAIR PLAY," AS HAVE OTHER SIMILAR RECENT TRAGEDIES IN US. THIS EVIDENCE OF A DEMORALIZING CURRENT, IN US AS ELSEWHERE, WHICH HAS PERVERSE INTENT WEAR DOWN DEMOCRATIC VALUES TO MAKE WAY FOR TOTALITARIANISM. EL GRAFICO JUNE 6 SAID MEN OF KENNEDY'S STATURE ARE REGARDED AS SYMBOLS, ARE VALUED NOT ONLY FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR WHAT THEY

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REPRESENT--HENCE ENTIRE USA AGONIZES WITH HIM. THERE IS ALARM THAT "AN UNKNOWN DESTRUCTIVE AGENT IS CORRODING HISTORICAL BASIS AND INSTITUTIONS OF GREAT COUNTRY (USA)." BUT THE REMEDY FOR THIS TERRIBLE SICKNESS MUST ALSO COME FROM WITHIN...THE NATION MUST FIND THE WILL TO HEAL ITSELF."

5. VICE PRESIDENT CLEMENTE MARROQUIN ROJAS, IN IMPACTO, SEEMED TO VIEW THE ATTACK AS PART OF A DEEP PLOT, SET IN MOTION BY MANY DARK INTERESTS, WHOSE REAL PURPOSES MAY NEVER COME TO LIGHT. THE CRIME NOT ONLY AFFECTS USA, BUT ENTIRE WORLD, BECAUSE IT IMPLIES A RADICAL REDIRECTION OF US POLICIES, AND HENCE OF WORLD.

6. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SOME 25 MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM PROMINENT AND OBSCURE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. MEIN

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JOINT USIS-EMBASSY MESSAGE.

1. EXTENSIVE TREATMENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PRESS CONTINUES, AS YESTERDAY, CENTERING ON CONSPIRACY SPECULATION OR LINKS WITH OTHER ASSASSINATIONS AND VIOLENCE IN U.S.

2. IN CONTRAST, INDIVIDUAL BRAZILIANS AT ALL LEVELS OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE IN THEIR PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS EMPHASIZING THEIR FEELING OF DEPRIVATION AND SYMPATHY IN MODERATE BUT STEADY STREAM TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK IN LOBBY.
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P 072014Z JUN 68
FM FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF PERU
TO HIS EXCELLENCY LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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O F F I C I A L T R A N S L A T I O N

I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP CONSTERNATION OVER THE DEATH OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS SENATOR, ROBERT KENNEDY. HIS DEATH, RESULTING FROM VIOLENCE IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PROMPTS US TO CONDEMN SUCH METHODS THAT ATTACK HUMAN LIBERTY AND DIGNITY, WHICH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE TRADITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH IS ESPECIALLY DEPLORED IN PERU SINCE, DURING HIS TOUR OF THIS CONTINENT, HE REVEALED TO US HIS NOBLE POLITICAL IDEAS, DIRECTED TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CLOSE AND JUST COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES.

REITERATING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SORROW OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PERU, I HAVE THE HONOR OF RENEWING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST PERSONAL CONSIDERATION.

FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF PERU

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SUBJECT: NATO CONDOLENCES ON KENNEDY DEATH

1. WORD OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS RECEIVED IN NATO THIS MORNING JUST AS MEETING OF SYG BROSIO AND PERMREPS WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN. BROSIO, ELABORATING ON REMARKS MADE IN NAC YESTERDAY BY HIMSELF AND DEANI (DE STAERCKE), EXPRESSED SHOCK AT THIS "INTERNATIONAL TRAGEDY".

2. SYG SUGGESTED, AND PERMRESP IMMEDIATELY APPROVED, THAT HE SEND MESSAGES ON BEHALF NAC TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

3. AT END OF MEETING BROSIO ANNOUNCED IT HADI BEEN SUGGESTED THAT NATO FLAG AND ALL NATIONAL FLAGS AT NATOI BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF. THIS WAS IMMEDIATELY AGREED. CARGO

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THIS EXPRESSION OF THE GRIEF SO DEEPLY FELT BY THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA, WHO SHARE THE SORROW OF YOUR NATION AND ITS GOVERNMENT OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

LUIS DOBLES SANCHEZ

ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Costa Rica, Ministry of

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WITH DEEP GRIEF, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE EMINENT SENATOR, ROBERT KENNEDY, WHOSE DEATH HAS PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

VENANCIO FLORES

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2718

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 15729

SUBJ: FRENCH REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASINATION.

1. FRENCH REACTION TO NEWS OF ASSASSINATION SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS GENERALLY REFLECTED ONE OR BOTH OF TWO THEMES: DEEP SENSE OF LOSS FOR GREAT MAN AND MEMBER OF GREAT FAMILY; AND FEELING THAT UNITED STATES IS PREY TO SEEMINGLY INCURABLE EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE WHICH COULD SPREAD ELSEWHERE. TELEGRAMS SENT BY PRESIDENT DEGAULLE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY EXPRESS ONLY SYMPATHY AND SORROW. SAME IS TRUE OF TELEGRAM SENT TO US SENATE IN NAME OF FRENCH SENATE BY GASTON MONNERVILLE. COVERAGE BY PRESS AND RADIO (REPORTED SEPTEL) IN NO WAY NEGLECTS THIS FIRST THEME BUT EMPHASIS OF MOST COMMENTARY IS ON VIOLENCE, JUST AS IT WAS WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ASSASSINATED (PARIS 12393). CONSPIRACY THEME HAS ALSO REAPPEARED, CHARACTERISTICALLY IN GAULLIST ORGAN AND COMMUNIST ORGAN HUMANITE. CABINET MEETING JUNE 5 ALSO PLACES ACCENT ON SECOND THEME, AS DOES JUNE 5 STATEMENT OF UDV SECRETARY GENERAL ROBERT POUJADE. INTENT OF THESE TWO STATEMENTS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AT LEAST IN PART, TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM GAULLISTS' OWN PROBLEMS.

3. MIN INFO GUENA SAID ON JUNE 5 APROPOS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THAT FRENCH CABINET HAD "EXPRESSED ITS EMOTION AND ITS SYMPATHY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY, AND STATED ITS CONCERN OVER THE EVENTUAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ATTEMPT." POUJADE'S HIGHLY POLITICIZED STATEMENT TO PRESS DESCRIBED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AS "NEW ATROCITY" AND WENT ON TO SAY: "WHEN VIOLENCE INSTALLS ITSELF IN A NATION, WHEN POLITICAL ASSASSINATION BECOMES COMMON PRACTICE, WE ARE REVERTING TO PRIMITIVE TIMES WHEN SOCIETY

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WAS LAWLESS. FRENCH PEOPLE WILL REFLECT ON CONSEQUENCES WHICH STEM FROM PROVOCATION TO VIOLENCE ALL THE MORE ATTENTIVELY THAN IF THEY WERE STILL LEADING TRANQUIL LIFE THEY ENJOYED DURING PAST TEN YEARS." SAME APPROACH TAKEN BY SEVERAL JOURNALISTS, NOTABLY MICHEL GORDEY OF PRO-GAULLIST FRANCE-SOIR WHO ENDS EDITORIAL IN JUNE 6 EDITION AS FOLLOWS: "THESE LAST WEEKS, THE FRENCH PEOPLE ALSO HAVE FELT THE BURNING BREATH OF VIOLENCE PASS BY. IT WAS DIFFERENT, IN ITS CAUSES AND ITS FORM FROM THAT OF THE UNITED STATES. THANK GOODNESS (HEURESEMENT)."

4. POLITIBUREAU OF FEDERATION OF LEFT ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 5, HOPING THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD BE ABLE "CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPEMENT OF A POLICY OF DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES" AND CASTIGATING VIOLENCE AS "REPUGNANT TO ALL THOSE ATTACHED TO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY."

5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SCORES OF TELEPHONE CALLS, TELEGRAMS AND NOTES FROM FRENCH OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN AND MEN-IN-STREET, AND FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXPRESSING IN MOVING TERMS THEIR VERY REAL AND DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE UNITED STATES IN THIS TIME OF DARKNESS. ALSO, STREAM OF PERSONS HAS BEEN FLOWING THROUGH EMBASSY LOBBY ALL DAY JUNE 6 TO SIGN BOOK OPENED FOR EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL SYMPATHY.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3257

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. PARTY LEADERS LAST NIGHT SET ASIDE PARTISAN CAMPAIGNING TO COMMENT ON ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND TO URGE EARLY ENACTMENT CRIMINAL CODE LEGISLATION EMBODYING GUN CONTROL MEASURES. PRIMIN TRUDEAU IN SUDBURY SAID CANADA FORTUNATE TO BE SPARED CIVIL DISORDERS AND VIOLENCE. HE URGED CANADIANS ESCHEW NAME-CALLING WHICH BRANDED AS APPEALING TO HATE AND NOT REASON. TRUDEAU SAID CANADIAN CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE A USEFUL DIALOGUE.

2. IN SAINT JOHN, N.B., OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD SAID THE SHOCK IS DEEPER BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE ACT WHICH DOES VIOLENCE TO THE SYSTEM OF POLITICS WHICH WE SHARE WITH THE U.S. STANFIELD OBSERVED DEMOCRACY IS A FRAGILE SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY BY MEN OF GOODWILL. HE SAID CANADIANS MUST SEEK TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES WHICH COULD END IN VIOLENCE AND EMPHASIZED THIS IS NOT THE SOLE CONCERN OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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3. NDP LEADER DOUBLAS ALSO MADE STATEMENT IN CORNERBROOK, NFLD, BUT TEXT NOT YET AVAIABLE. BUTTERWORTH

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2914

UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 2041

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1. PRESIDENT SANCHEZ' PRESS SERETARY HAS ASKED EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY EXPRESSING PRESIDENT SANCHEZ' CONDOLENCES DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD AT ITS DESCRETION MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

MR. LYNDON JOHNSON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR ARE SHOCKED AT THIS TERRIBLE EVENT AND EXPRESS THEIR DEEP SORROW. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IS A SEVERE BLOW TO DEVOCRACY.

FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ,
PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR

MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(1) THE KENNEDY BROTHERS ARE THE SYMBOL OF THE MOST NOBLE DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF OUR HEMISPHERE. THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR, STRICKEN WITH HORROR, SHARE YOUR PROFOND GRIEF OVER THE IRREPARABLE LOSS OF YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS HUSBAND, SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AND OFFER THEIR PRAYERS FOR THE ENTERNAL REST OF HIS SOUL.

FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ,
PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR

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2. SENOR LYNDON JOHNSON, CASA BLANCA, WASHINGTON

3. PUEBLO DE EL SALVADOR CONSTERNADO ANTE FATAL DESENLACE LE EXPRESA SU SENTIDO PESAME. LA TRAGICA MUERTE DEL SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY CONSTITUYE UN RUDO GOLPE PARA LA DEMOCRACIA.

4. FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENTE DE EL SALVADOR

5. MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

6. LOS HERMANOS KENNEDY SON SIMBOLO DE LA MAS NOBLE ESTIRPE DEMOCRATICA DE NUESTRO CONTINENTE. EL PUEBLO SALVADORENO CONSTERNADO COMPARTE SU PROFUNDO DOLOR POR LA IRREPARABLE PERDIDA DE SU ILUSTRE ESPOSO SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY Y ELEVA SUS ORACIONES POR EL DESCANSO ETERNO DE SU ALMA.

7. FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENTE DE EL SALVADOR.
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UNCLAS PARIS 15700

FOR BEN READ S/S.

1) AMBASSADOR A D MRS. SHRIVER AND MRS. EDWARD M. KENNEDY LEFT BRETIGNY AIR BASE SOUTH OF PARIS JUNE 6 AT 1322 LOCAL VIA PA-115 FOR NEW YORK OR BOSTON DEPENDING WEATHER CONDITIONS JFK AND POSSIBLE NEED REFUEL BOSTON.

2) CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BOSTON AND NEW YORK ARRANGED BY TREASURY/CUSTOMS PARIS.

3) IF PLANE LANDS BOSTON UNABLE PROCEED JFK BECAUSE OF WEATHER PARTY WILL TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK BY CAR PROVIDED BY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S BOSTON OFFICE.

4) IF PLANE LANDS JFK, USUN CAR WITH SON ROBERT SHRIVER, HERBERT KRAMER AND OTHER FRIENDS WILL MEET PANESIDE AND DRIVE INTO CITY.

5) PLEASE RECONFIRM PRECEDING ALTERNATIVE PLANS WITH PANAM, USUN, CUSTOMS AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.
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STATE/USIS MESSAGE

" C'A Y EST, ROBERT KENNEDY EST MORT," RADIO CAMEROON OPENED NOON NEWSCAST JUNE 6. COMMENTATOR SAID AMERICA STRONG, RICH COUNTRY THAT HAS LEFT ALL OTHERS BEHIND TECHNOLOGICALLY BUT HAS DEEPLY DISCONCERTING ASPECT. BELIEVES U.S. HASN'T FULLY OUTLIVED ITS DAYS OF FRONTIER VIOLENCE. OBSERVED QUOTE IN AMERICA YOU CAN BUY GUNS LIKE YOU CAN BUY CANDY UNQUOTE. COMPARED DEATHS OF JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, ROBERT KENNEDY, NOTING THEY AND THEIR IDEALS NOW SURELY BELONG TO WORLD.

BROADCAST CARRIED CONDOLENCES TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT AHIDJO TO MRS. KENNEDY AND CHARGE'S STATEMENT KENNEDY DEATSG. RADIO PLAYED EXCERPT USIS TAPE KENNEDY TELLING AFRICAN STUDENTS HE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

KENNEDY DEATH WA ONLY ITEM CARRIED THAT BROADCAST. PROGRAM CONCLUDED WITH SELECTION SPIRITUALS BY GOLDEN GATE QUARTED WHICH HAD BEEN TO CAMEROON.

FLAG AT HALF MAST, CONDOLENCES BOOK ND PHOTO DISPLAY PLACED EMBASSY LOTBY. ARCHBISHOP ZOA PROBABLY WILL CELEBRATE REQUIEM MASS 5:30 P.M. MONDAY JUNE 10.

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RESIDENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CALLED ON USIS TO EXPRESS SORROW AND SYMPATHY CAMEROONIAN STUDENT BODY. SAID MANY CRIED, BUT NOT PLANNING PUBLIC MANIFESTATION SENTIMENTS.

INITIAL CAMEROONIAN REACTION APPEARS TO CONTAIN ELEMENT SURPRESSED, UNDIRECTED ANGER, CONFUSION OVER WHAT IT REGARDS AS GROWING REIGN OF VIOLENCE IN UNITED STATES AND DISMAY THAT ALMOST ANYONE CAN BUY ANY KIND OF WEAPON IN AMERICA. DENNIS

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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR TRANSMITTAL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED MY MESSAGE EXPRESSING OUR SHOCK AND HORROR AT THE TRAGIC SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. AT THE TIME THE MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TOYOU THE WORLD STILL WAITED IN THE HOPE THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE SPARED AND HIS STRENGTH RESTORED TO ENABLE HIM TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AMERICA AND HUMANITY.

THIS HAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT BEEN THE CASE AND ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS SADDENED NOT ONLY MY NATION AND MYSELF, BUT THE WORLD. NO BETTER TRIBUTE CAN BE PAID HIM THAN THE UPHOLDING OF THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE STOOD.

MAY I, MR. PRESIDENT, EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA MY CONDOLANCES AS WELL AS THOSE OF MY WIFE AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA. SERETSE KHAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA UNQUOTE
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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6594

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SUBJECT: FONMIN HARMEL'S TELEGRAM TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE SENT THIS MORNING TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY BY FONMIN HARMEL:

" IN THE NAME OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND MY NAME I WISH TO TRANSMIT MY DEEP CONDOLENCES AND TESTIMONY OF THE INTENSE EMOTION FELT BY ALL BELGIAN PEOPLE BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF WHICH YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN THE VICTIM. HE INCARNATED THE DYNAMISM AND GENEROSITY OF YOUNG AMERICA. IN THE SAME MANNER AS HIS BROTHER, HE ENTERS HISTORY AS AN EXAMPLE OF COURAGE AND SACRIFICE TO THE SERVICE OF AN IDEAL OF PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. I FEEL THAT I SPEAK IN THE NAME OF ALL MY COMPATRIOTS IN EXPRESSING INTENSELY THE WISH THAT HIS SACRIFICE WILL SERVE TO APPEASE AND TO BRIDLE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WHICH HE NEVER CEASED TO STRUGGLE."

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SUBJECT: PRIMIN VANDEN BOEYNANTS' TELEGRAM TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE SENT TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY BY BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER PAUL VANDEN BOEYNANTS:

"DEEPLY MOVED BY THE COWARDLY ATTACH WHICH HAS TAKEN YOUR HUSBAND FROM YOU AND DEPRIVED YOUR CHILDREN OF THEIR FATHER, ACCEPT, I BEG OF YOU, THIS EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

" THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE SHARING THE SENTIMENTS OF SORROW AND INDIGNATION WHICH MOVE THE ENTIRE WORLD, BOW BEFORE YOUR SORROW AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY, DEPLORING THE LOSS TO THE UNITED STATES OF ONE OF ITS MOST BRILLIANT LEADERS."

2. FONOFF HAS GIVEN TEXT TO PRESS. KNIGHT

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT REY SENDS CONDOLENCES

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONVEY TO MRS. KENNEDY THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT JEAN REY: " IT WAS WITH PROFOUND EMOTION THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES LEARNED OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. MY COLLEAGUES AND I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER SENATOR KENNEDY AS A MAN OF JUSTICE AND COURAGE WHO SACRIFIED HIS LIFE TO THE IDEAL OF PEACE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. JEAN REY, PRESIDENT." SCHAETZEL

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2548

UNCLAS MANAGUA 1841

SUBJ: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

PRESIDENT SOMOZA HAS EXPRESSED TO ME ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA AND IN HIS OWN BEHALF THE DEEPEST SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE REQUESTED THAT HIS MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2546

UNCLAS MANAGUA 1837

SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

1. NICARAGUANS SHARE OUR SHOCK AND INCREDULITY OVER ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. PRESIDENT SOMOZA, WHO HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY SENT MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY, OPENED HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY

BY EXPRESSING GON AND HIS PERSONAL CONDOLENCES ON OCCASION OF KENNEDY DEATH (SEE USINFO FILED TODAY BY USIS).

2. NEWS MEDIA HAVE GIVEN EXTREMELY HEAVY WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE AND EDITORIAL COMMENTARY TO ASSASSINATION. SOME LOCAL COMMENTATORS AND EDITORIAL WRITERS HINT AT DARK CONSPIRACY, STRESSING "RAPID DEGENERATION U.S. SOCIAL FABRIC AS CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE AND GANGSTERISM." OTHERS HAVE TAKEN MORE RESPONSIBLE LINE; SOCIAL CHRISTIAN RADIO COMMENTATOR SAID "U.S. IN CRISIS OF GROWTH RATHER THAN CRISIS OF DECAY -- MAYBE NOW U.S. CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN AROUSED SEEK NEW ROADS, NEW FRONTIERS".

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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW
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1. IN VIEW OF POPULARITY ROBERT KENNEDY IN POLAND AND EMBASSY EXPERIENCE AT TIME OF DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY 1963, WE ANTICIPATE ENORMOUS RESPONSE FROM POLISH PUBLIC TO NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH. WE ARE OPENING BOOK OF CONDOLENCES IN EMBASSY LOBBY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC 0830 TO 2000 DAILY. CONSULATE POZNAN PLANS SIMILAR ACTION.

2. PROTRAIT KENNEDY WILL BE PLACED IN DISPLAY CASE BEFORE EMBASSY ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING TRIP TO POLAND. RECOMMEND VOA CARRIES THESE DETAILS.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS RE PROPRIETY OF CIRCULARIZING OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS RE EXISTENCE CONDOLENCE BOOK.

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FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7191

UNCLAS ROME 6393

DEPT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT FROM KING CONSTANTINE:

QUOTE
THE PEOPLE OF GREECE, THE QUEEN AND I SHARE IN THE SHOCK AND GRIEF THAT HAVE STRICKEN THE AMERICAN NATION TODAY. I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. CONSTANTINE R.
END QUOTE.
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS ROBERT KENNEDY:

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,
DR. FAZIL KUCHUK, HAS ASKED THAT MRS. KENNEDY BE INFORMED OF
HIS "DEEP REGRET AND HORROR AT THE HEINOUS MURDER
OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THE AMERICAN NATION, AND INDEED THE WORLD
HAS LOST A CAPABLE AND ENERGETIC LEADER WHOSE SERVICES
WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH AS WOULD, NO DOUBT, BENEFICIALLY
INFLUENCETHE DESTINY OF THE WORLD."
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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 620

UNCLAS MASERU 563

GOL INFO DEPT ADVISES FOLLOWING TELS SENT TO SECRETARY RUSK BY PRIMIN JONATHAN JUNE 5 AND 6, RESPECTIVELY:

1. QTE: MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE LEARNED WITH DISMAY OF THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY THIS MORNING. WE CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE THIS WANTON ACT OF BARBARISM AIMED AT DEPRIVING YOUR COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLES AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL OF THE SERVICES OF A GREAT MAN. IN WISHING THE SENATOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY, WE CANNOT FAIL TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT NO RPT NO EFFORT WILL BE SPARED IN APPREHENDING AND DEALING EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH THE CULPRIT AND THAT GOOD SENSE WILL PREVAIL. LEABUA JONATHAN UNQTE.

2. QTE: THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LESOTHO MORN WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE UNTIMELY AND TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES ESPECIALLY GO TO MRS. KENNEDY AND HER FAMILY WHO IN ONE DECADE HAVE SUFFERED UNTIMELY DEATHS AT THE HANDS OF ASSASSINS. WE COMMEND THEM TO THE ALMIGHTY AND PRAY THAT HE SHOULD COMFORT AND BLESS THEM. WE PRAY AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THESE SENSELESS KILLINGS WILL AWAKE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO THE REALIZATION THAT THEIR REPEATED OCCURRENCE CAN DO NOTHING BUT DISCREDIT IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD THE FAME, CIVILIZATION AND FREEDOM THAT THEY HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN. LEABUA JONATHAN UNQTE.
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R 061614Z JUN 68
FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1413

UNCLAS COTONOU 1362

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PRESIDENT ALLEY CALLED ME THIS AFTERNOON TO EXPRESS HIS CONDOLENCES AND INFORMED ME THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE AT THEIR MEETING THIS MORNING TO HONOR SENATOR KENNEDY.

2. ALL EVENTS CONCERNING ASSASSINATION RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PLAY ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO. KNOX

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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5596

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY

1. AMB RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT SADOK MOKADDEM JUNE 5: QUOTE PROFOUNDLY DISTRESSED BY ODIOUS ATTEMPT PERPETRATED AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. EXPRESS TO YOU MY INDIGNATION OVER THIS UNSPEAKABLE CRIME. BEG YOU TO TRANSMIT TO U.S. CONGRESS AND KENNEDY FAMILY PROFOUND ASSURANCES OF SYMPATHY. WE FEVERENTLY PRAY THAT SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY OVERCOME CONSEQUENCES OF THIS HORRIBLE ACT AND THAT VIOLENCE AND HATE BE BANISHED FROM THE HEARTS OF MEN. SIGNED DR. SADOK MOKADDEM, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. END QUOTE

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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1541

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

UPPER VOLTA PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TELEPHONED EMBASSY MINUTES AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH TO PRESENT CONDOLENCES. DID NOT COMMENT ON CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN MEPLIOHF ASSASSIN WAS JORDANIAN. EXTENDED SYMPATHIES AND REGRETS ON T
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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1543

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REF: STATE 176747

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. REACTIONS TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION STRONG HERE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA PHONED AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY.

2. IN TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND KENNEDY FAMILY, LAMIZANA EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND SADNESS AT DEATH OF SENATOR WHO HAD FOUGHT SO VALIANTLY FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL MEN.

3. DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DELAYE, ALSO PHONED CONDOLANCES.

4. FEELING OF SORROW AND SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY AND ALL AMERICANS WIDESPREAD HERE. SOME HOWEVER, ARE TINGED WITH BITTER STATEMENTS QUESTIONING US CLAIM TO CIVILIZED STATUS. REPORT THAT SAME QUESTIONS AND BITTERNESS BEING RAISED IN UNITED STATES GIVEN PRESS PLAY HERE. SKINNER

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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3940
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UNCLAS PRAGUE 2304

SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TOP STORY IN CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS TODAY AND LAST NIGHT'S MAIN EVENING TELEVISION NEWSCAST DEVOTED 14 MINUTES TO EVENT. GENERALLY FACTUAL STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE LAUDATORY TOWARD SENATOR (HE WAS FAVORITE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HERE), AND INCLUDES SUSPECT ASSASSIN'S JORDANIAN BACKBGROUND, WHICH ALSO SUBHEADED RUDE PRAVO.

2. HOWEVER, COMMENTARIES HEAVILY LOADED WITH "REACTIONARY POLITICAL CONSPIRACY" THEME. RUDE PRAVO ALLEGES CONNECTION BETWEEN DALLAS AND LOS ANGELES CLEAR AND GUNS AIMED BY THOSE WHO WANT TO PRESERVE OLD WORLD IN AMERICA AND OVERSEAS. ATTACK CALLED "SEVERE INDICTMENT OF THAT PART OF AMERICA TODAY REPRESENTED BY WALLACE, REGAN, GOLDWATER AND OTHERS, BUT PARTICULARLY..FAR MORE POWERFUL PEOPLE...MAINLY...OF CREAM OF SOCIETY." MLADA FRONTA DEOUBTS "THEORY OF LONE MAD POLITICAL FANATICS WHO...SHOOT AT BEST PEOPLE OF AMERICA," ADDING "THE SENILE STORIES AND THOUSAND-PAGE REPORTS OF WARREN COMMISSION ONLY PUT TO SLEEP 'GREAT AMERICAN CHILDREN' OF WHOM UNHEALTHILY MANY IN THAT COUNTRY." OTHER PAPERS COMMENT IN SIMILAR VIEN, SOME SPECIFYING PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST "PROGRESSIVES" ON VIET-NAM AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

3. ZDENEK TRHLIK, IDENTIFIED AS FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD, GAVE FOLLOWING TELEVISED STATEMENT, REPEATED ON FRONT PAGE RUDE PRAVO: "IT IS A REGRETTABLE, SHOCKING, HUMANLY TRAGIC AND AT THE SAME TIME DISTRESSING EVENT. EACH

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OF US SURELY CONDEMNS THE USE OF VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF SETTLING DISPUTES, WHETHER IT IS VIOLENCE ON THE NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, WHETHER IT OCCURS ON AMERICAN SOIL OR BEYOND IT. IN THE UNITED STATES, IT SEEMS, THE METHOD OF ASSASSINATION HAS BECOME A MEANS OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE. THIS CERTAINLY CANNOT BRING ANYTHING GOOD AND ONE WONDERS TO WHAT EXTENT THE VIOLENCE MANIFEST IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE IS REFLECTED IN LIFE IN THE USA. THE ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY IS PROOF OF A CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL DO AWAY WITH THOSE IMPULSES WHICH MAKE SIMILAR ACTS OF VIOLENCE POSSIBLE."
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SUBJ: KENNEDY DEATH

1. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THAT BOOK OF CONDOLENCE FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT SPASO (RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR, 10 SPASO-PESKOVSKAYA PLOSHCHAD) DURING DAY OF JUNE 7.

2. IF VOA PLANS MENTION IN ITS COVERAGE OPENING OF BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE IN VARIOUS US EMBASSIES, IT MAY WISH USE INFORMATION PARA ONE AS STRAIGHT NEWS ITEM BUT SHOULD AVOID APPEARANCE OF INVITATION TO SOVIET PUBLIC.

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3258
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL
AMCONSUL TORONTO
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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY SHOOTING

1. FIVE EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB THIS MORNING ALL DENOUNCED SHOOTING OF KENNEDY AS TRAGIC RESULT OF FEARFUL INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN US. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL WAS SURPRISINGLY DENUNCIATORY WHEN STATING THAT ONE ASPECT OF QTE THE VERY INDIVIDUAL KIND OF VIOLENCE THAT IS AMERICAN IS THAT LEADERS OF MINORITIES, LEADERS WHO GO AGAINST THE MAJORITY, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE SPECIAL TARGETS OF ASSASSINS UNQTE. EDITORIAL TERMED THESE ASSASSINS AS QTE OFTEN LITTLE MEN, THEMSELVES OPPRESSED, WHO PERHAPS SEE IN THEIR SINGLE ACT OF OBLITERATION A LONELY JOINING OF THEMSELVES TO THE AMERICAN DREAM OF GREATNESS THAT IS OTHERWISE BEYOND THEM UNQTE. GLOBE AND MAIL THEN CONDEMNED A TYPE OF FREEDOM IN WHICH EACH MAN, EACH NATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THE LAW AND TO JUDGE OTHERS, USING THE GUN AS EQUALIZER WHETHER IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL OR IN VIETNAM. PAPER ADDED US WILL NOT PUT AWAY ITS GUNS AT HOME OR ABROAD, BUT THERE IS HOPE WHEN MEN LIKE KENNEDY AND MCCARTHY CONTINUE TO DISSENT AGAINST VIOLENCE.

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2. MONTREAL STAR, TORONTO TELEGRAM, MONTREAL GAZETTE, AND MONTREAL FRENCH-LANGUAGE LE DEVOIR ALL CITED CONTINUATION OF SUCH UNRESTRAINED VIOLENCE AS INTRODUCTION TO ANARCHY AND EVENTUAL THREAT TO WORLD CIVILIZATION. TELEGRAM, GAZETTE, AND STAR VIEWED U.S. VIOLENCE AS PART OF UNIVERSAL UNREST: GAZETTE STATED QTE ALL VIOLENCE HAS AN UNDERLYING KINSHIP

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UNQTE AND THEN ASKED QTE WHAT NATION CAN JUSTIFY ANY HASTE IN HURLING THE FIRST STONES? UNQTE

3. THE STAR QUOTED A U.S. MARINE COLONEL AS SAYING QTE WHEN YOU GET TO A POINT WHERE ANYONE WHO RISES AND SPEAKS GOES DOWN, THEN THIS IS THE FIRST STEP BACK TO THE DARK AGES UNQTE. ALL EDITORIALS EXPRESSED THE SAME FEAR THAT, AS LE DEVOIR TERMED IT, QTE THE CLIMATE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE WHICH HAS IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS CAST ITS SHADOW OVER POLITICAL DIALOG...MAY BE IN TURN THE SYMPTOM OF A SOCIETY WHOSE MORAL FOUNDATIONS ARE COLLAPSING UNQTE. GAZETTE ALSO WARNED OF DOOM OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH ERODES THE LAW WITH A QTE GRADUAL WEARING AWAY BY MINOR ACTS OF DESTRUCTION UNQTE, AND BY TEACHING THROUGH EXAMPLE THAT VIOLENCE IS RIGHT WHEN USED AGAINST LAWS WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL FEELS FREE TO JUDGE FOR HIMSELF ARE GOOD OR BAD. GAZETTE CHARACTERIZED THE US AS FILLED WITH ANGUISH THAT ITS LEADERS CANNOT LIVE IN SAFETY. STAR STATED DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON ALL ABIDING BY RULES. QTE WITHOUT A RETURN TO LAW AND ORDER...WE ARE HEADING SWIFTLY TOWARDS DISASTER UNQTE.

4. TELEGRAM CALLED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO ASSESS HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM AND QTE TO DECIDE IF WE ARE GIVING ENOUGH OF OURSELVES TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FELLOW MAN UNQTE.

5. STAR MADE UNIQUE POINT WHEN QUOTING ERIC SEVEREID'S STATEMENT CONCERNING QTE THE DISCIPLINE WHICH PROTEST MUST IMPOSE ON ITSELF IF IT IS NOT TO PRODUCE THE KIND OF BACK-LASH WHICH WOULD LEAD TO REPRESSION UNQTE. STAR CALLED FOR SPEEDING UP OF LAWFUL CHANGE TO AVOID LAST RESORT OF PROTEST BY VIOLENCE AND WITH IT QTE A FRIGHTENED REACTION BY THE GREAT BODY OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN WHICH CAN LEAD SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO TYRANNY UNQTE.

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SUBW: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

OPENING SESSION UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS ANNUAL CONVENTION WAS INTERRUPTED BY PRESIDENT A. MILTON OBOTE, WHO OFFERED IN NAME OF UPC, UNIP (ZAMBIAN PARTY), TANU (TANZANIAN PARTY), KANU (KENYAN PARTY) AND MRP (CONGO(K)PARTY) BRIEF, DIGNIFIED AND ELOQUENT RESOLUTION HONORING LATE SENATOR AND SENDING CONDOLENCES HIS FAMILY. THIS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. WILL ENDEAVOR SECURE COMPLETE TEXT.
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FOREIGN MIN HAS JUST GIVEN US COPY GOG DELCARATION ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH WHICH HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED TO LOCAL MEDIA AND AFP. FOL IS TRANSLATION DECLARATION: "AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE IGNOBLE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, WE FEEL COMPELLED TO DECLARE PUBLICLY OUR PROFOUND INDIGNATION AND OUR FEELING OF REVULSION BEFORE A NEW ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON OF ONE OF THE BEST SONS OF AMERICA TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PASTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT OTHER APOSTLE OF NON-VIOLENCE.

"THIS FATAL OUTBURST OF VIOLENCE AND OF HATE NOT ONLY AGAINST ONE OF THE FAMILIES MOST BELOVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD BUT ALSO AGAINST ALL COURAGEOUS DEFENDERS OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN CONSTITUTES FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS EVEN THE NEGATION OF ALL THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES WHICH WE ATTACH TO WHAT WE HAVE THE CUSTOM OF CALLING THE AMERICAN CIVILIZATION.

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"WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO GUESS THE MOTIVES OF THIS NEW DRAMA WHICH TRAVERSE THE UNITED STATES, WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE INTERNAL AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE UNITED STATES LIES IN THE PHYSICAL ELIMINATION OF THE BEST CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY.

"IN THIS NEW TRAGEDY AND IN THE CRUEL DRAMA WHICH THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED, WE EXPRESS ALL THE SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF GABON.

1 "WE ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON OF THE FRIENDSHIP

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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY ALBERT BERNARD BONGO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC." BANE

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SUBJ: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE WAS RECEIVED TODAY AT EMBASSY FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ANC, LT GEN L. BOBOZO,

2. QUOTE. EXCELLENCY:

ON THIS DAY OF THE EXTREMELY TRAGIC AND UNEXPECTED DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, A DEATH THAT PLUNGES NOT ONLY THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THOSE CLOSE TO HIM INTO MOURNING, BUT ALSO ALL PEOPLES WHO LOVE PEACE, JUSTICE, AND TRUE DEMOCRACY, I SEND YOU, WITH PROFOUND EMOTION, IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY AND IN MY OWN NAME, OUR VERY SINCERE AND VERY DEEP CONDOLENCES. PLEASE CONVEY OUR SYMPATHY TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED. WE SHARE WITH THEM THIS GREAT SORROW.

UNQUOTE.

SIGNED L. BOBOZO. MCGUIRE

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SUBJECT: GOWON SENDS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. GENERAL GOWON HAS SENT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY. AN FMG PRESS RELEASE OF JUNE 6, 1968 GAVE THE FULL TEXT OF MESSAGES AS FOLLOWS:

2. "TO MR. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON: 'I HAVE RECEIVED WITH SHOCK AND DEEP GRIEF THE NEWS OF THE PREMATURE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AS HIS LATE BROTHER, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. HIS DEATH IS NOT ONLY A LOSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT TO MANKIND AS A WHOLE NOW DEPRIVED OF HIS DEVOTED CONSCIENTIOUS AND COURAGEOUS SERVICES.

'WE JOIN ALL MEN OF GOODWIL EVERYWHERE IN DEPLORING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JOIN ME IN SENDING YOU, THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, OUR VERY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. LET THOSE RESPONSIBLE SEARCH THEIR CONSCIENCE.

'WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO PUT A STOP TO THE PERIODIC ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT AND TALENTED SONS OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY.'

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3. "TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, 870 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK, U.S.A." I AND ENTIRE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA, HAVE RECEIVED WITH PROFOUND INDIGNATION THE SAD NEWS OF THE PREMATURE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND FROM THE HANDS OF AN ASSASSIN. THE GOVERNMEMT AND PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JOIN ME IN SENDING OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY.

"WE APPRECIATE THE UNTOLD GRIEF INTO WHICH YOU IN PARTICULAR AND THE FAMILY HAVE BEEN PLUNGED BY THIS RECKLESS ACT WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN. BY HIS DEATH MANKIND HAS LOST THE DEVOTED SERVICES TO HUMANITY OF A CAPABLE AND BRILLIANT

YOUTH. AN INSPIRATION FOR US THE YOUNG.

"WE EARNESTLY PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO

BEAR THIS IRREPARABLE LOSS WITH FORTITUDE. KNOWING HOW CLOSE THE KENNEDY FAMILY ARE TO GOD, MAY HE IN HIS GRACE,

CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN AND ENDOW THE FAMILY WITH MORE GRACE AND FAVOUR.

"TO THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST A MEMBER IN SIMILAR CIRCUSTANCES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR DEAR COUNTRY AND MANKIND, GRATEFUL CONVEY OUR DEEPEST SORROW SYMPATHY AND THE ASSURANCES OF OUR PRAYERS.

"MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.""
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CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT AN ANNOUNCE-
MENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING INDICATING THAT QUOTE AS A
MARK OF RESPECT FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AND OUR AMERICAN
FRIENDS END QUOTE THE CANADIAN FLAG WILL BE FLOWN
AT HALF MAST ON ALL CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES ON
THE DAY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S FUNERAL.

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DE TH

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU IN SUDBURY THIS MORNING SAID THAT DEATH OF THE SENATOR IS A BLOW TO ALL. TRUDEAU ADDED HE CERTAIN ALL CANADIANS SHARE HIS GRIEF. PRIMIN EXTENDED SYMPATHY OF CANADIANS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S WIFE, FAMILY, AND ALL AMERICANS. TRUDEAU SAID KENNEDY DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW CITIZENS WORKING FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED, POOR, AND THOSE IN DISTRESS.

2. TEXT PRIMIN'S STATEMENT STILL NOT AVAILABLE THIS AFTER-NOON. HIS OFFICE HERE COULD NOT SAY WHEN THEY WOULD RECEIVE IT.

3. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD IN NEW BRUNSWICK SAID QTE OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO A FAMILY THAT HAS SUFFERED MORE TRAGEDY THAN ANY FAMILY SHOULD, TO A WORLD THAT HAS TOO FEW LEADERS OF HIS CHARACTER AND ABILITY. SENATOR KENNEDY IN HIS OWN RIGHT SOUGHT TO EXTEND AMERICA'S INFLUENCE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND TO DEDICATE HIS OWN CAREER SO THAT REASON AND JUSTICE WOULD PREVAIL IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. IT IS ONE MORE REMINDER THAT FOR ALL OUR PROGRESS AND HOPES, WE ARE STILL NOT FAR IN ANY COUNTRY FROM AN UNCIVILIZED CONDITION. THIS MAN AND HIS FAMILY HAD A BETTER SENSE THAN MOST THAT DEMOCRACY IS A VERY FRAGILE SYSTEM AND CAN BE MAINTAINED IN THE END ONLY BY GOOD MEN OF GOOD WILL. AND NOW HE IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS BEEN STRUCK DOWN, AND THERE IS THEREFORE A LARGER OBLIGATION ON ALL WHO SHARED HIS DEDICATION TO A FREE SOCIETY--IN WHATEVER COUNTRY WE LIVE TO SERVE IN WHAT-

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EVER CAPACITY--TO SEEK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES THAT COULD EXPLODE IN VIOLENCE OR DESTROY WHAT MEN HOLD IN COMMON UNQTE.

4. NDP LEADER DOUGLAS IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA SAID QTE LIKE COUNTLESS OTHERS I AM PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AND DEEPLY GRIEVED AT THE TRAGIC AND UNKINDLY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. TO THE PUBLIC HE WAS A VOICE OF PROTEST AGAINST THE GROWING GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR. THE ALIENATED AND THE FORGOTTEN LOOKED TO HIM AS THEIR SPOKESMAN--AND THEY DID NOT LOOK IN VAIN. A FEARLESS VOICE HAS BEEN STILLED AND A VALIANT SPIRIT REMOVED FROM OUR MIDST. MEN MAY PERISH BUT THE IDEAS THEY EMBODY SURVIVE THEIR PASSING. SENATOR KENNEDY'S PROPHETIC STATEMENT, WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, CAN NOW BE APPLIED TO HIM WITH EQUAL FORCE INNERQTE NO MARTYR'S COURSE HAS EVER BEEN STILLED BY AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET END INNERQTE. THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY JOINS WITH ALL CANADIANS AND PEOPLE OF GOODWILL AROUND THE WORLD IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GREAT HUMANITARIAN. WE OFFER OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO HIS WIFE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SO MUCH OF TRAGEDY AND HEARTACHE. WE HOPE THE KENNEDYS WILL FIND CONSOLATION IN THE FACT THAT HE HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE IMPRINT UPON THE HEARTS OF MEN. END QTE

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MINISTER PRESIDENT PENGEL REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT.

BEGIN TEXT - THE PEOPLE OF SURINAM ARE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I OFFER MY GOVERNMENT'S AND PEOPLE'S CONDOLENCES AND PRAY THAT UNDER YOUR EMINENT LEADERSHIP VIOLENCE MAY BE CURBED, NOT ONLY IN YOUR NATION BUT IN THE WHOLE WORLD AND THAT MEN MAY BELIEVE AND LIVE THE GOLDEN RULE. JOHAN PENGEL, PRIME MINISTER OF SURINAM. END TEXT
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FOR CHESLAW, BNA, FROM BRUCE

HRH PRINCESS MARINA, DUCHESS OF KENT, HAS ASKED ME TRANSMIT FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. ROSE KENNEDY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSURING MESSAGE IS DELIVERED.

QUOTE/ SO DEEPLY SHOCKED AND HORRIFIED BY THIS SECOND GHASTLY TRAGEDY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MY HEARTFELT AND AFFECTIONATE SYMPATHY. MARINA. UNQUOTE
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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Foreign Minister Brandt has asked me to transmit to you the following telegram:

"In dieser schweren Stunde, in der eine der hervorragenden politischen Persönlichkeiten Ihres Landes einem Mordanschlag zum Opfer fiel, möchte ich Ihnen versichern, daß wir uns mit dem amerikanischen Volk in gemeinsamer Trauer und Entrüstung über diese verabscheuungswürdige Tat verbunden fühlen. Möge der Tod von Senator Robert F. Kennedy, den ich in Berlin kennen- und schätzen lernen durfte, bei allen Völkern endlich zur Besinnung darüber aufrufen, daß gewalttätiger Fanatismus in einer Welt, die nach Frieden strebt, kein Mittel der politischen Auseinandersetzung sein darf.

Willy Brandt."

The English translation reads as follows:

"In this difficult hour, in which one of the most outstanding political personalities of your country has fallen victim to murder, I should like to assure you, that we feel ourselves united with the American people in common grief and indignation at this reprehensible act. May the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, whom I was privileged to learn to know and to appreciate in Berlin, lead all peoples finally to the sober realization that violent fanaticism in a world striving for peace, is not to be permitted as a means of political disputation.

Willy Brandt."

Sincerely yours,

A. Knappstein

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FROM : Amcongen, Hamilton, Bermuda DATE: June 6, 1968

SUBJECT : Governor's Note of Sympathy Forwarded

REF :

I am forwarding as an enclosure the hand written note from the Governor, Lord MARTONMERE expressing the sympathy of the people of Bermuda on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Governor has requested that these expressions be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy.

The untimely and brutal death of Senator Kennedy has been deeply felt by many Bermudians. Most flags throughout the colony are at half mast. One radio station has suspended normal broadcast and is only playing classical music throughout today. The Consulate General has made available a book in which members of the public may sign as an expression of their sympathy.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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6th June 1968

My Dear Acting Consul-General.

In common with the rest of the world the people of Bermuda were deeply shocked by the brutal assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. I hope that you as acting Consul-General of the United States in Bermuda will be so good as to convey through the usual channels the deepest sympathy of us all here to Mrs Kennedy and to your Government. The long standing friendship between our two countries causes us to share your sorrows and feel your misfortunes the more truly.

Yours sincerely

Governor

To S. M. Janney
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L. S. M. Janney Esq
Acting U.S. Consul-General
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1. THE NEWS OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS CAUSED GREAT SORROW AND CONSTERNATION IN PERU WHERE HE HAS BEEN MUCH ADMIRED AND WARMLY REMEMBERED BY MANY SINCE HIS VISIT HERE TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO. FROM THE OPENING OF BUSINESS AND THROUGH THE DAY NUMEROUS PEOPLE OF ALL STATIONS HAVE BEEN CALLING TO SIGN THE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE IN THE EMBASSY LOBBY, AND MANY OF THE DIGNITARIES SUCH AS CABINET MINISTERS. THE FATHER OF PRESIDENT BELAUNDE AND OTHERS HAVE PAID PERSONAL CALLS ON THE CHARGE. WE EXPECT THIS DISPLAY OF RESPECT AND HOMAGE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH-OUT THE PERIOD OF MOURNING.

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2. ALREADY SEVERAL MASSES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AND THE EMBASSY WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES. WE ALSO EXPECT THAT THE SAME CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE WHICH CELEBRATED A REQUIEM MASS FOR THE COMMUNITY AT THE TIME OF THE DEATH AND FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WILL HAVE SIMILAR SERVICES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY ON SATURDAY. OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY ON SATURDAY. OTHER COMMUNITY CHURCHES WILL HAVE SPECIAL OBSERVANCES DURING THEIR REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES, COENCIDING WITH OUR NATIONAL MOURNING.

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3. THE CHARGE HAS PREPARED A SPECIAL STATMENT ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY WHICH HAS BEEN TAPED FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION AT THE DEMAND OF THE LATTER AND WE EXPECT WILL BE HEAVILY PLAYED BY THEM. IN SUMMARY, THE REACTION HERE TO THE TRAGEDY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION HAS BEEN ALMOST IDENTICAL IN TONE (AND ONLY SMALLER IN DEGREE) TO THE REACTION WHICH FOLLOWED

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THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AGO.
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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

TODAY I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BALAGUER

(INFORMAL TRANSLATION).
"I EXPRESS FEELINGS OF MY DEEP SORROW TO YOUR EMBASSY, AND THROUGH IT TO THE ENTIRE NORTH AMERICAN COLONY RESIDING IN OUR COUNTRY, ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE PASSING HAS DEEPLY TOUCHED ALL DOMINICANS WHO I AM CERTAIN JOIN ME AT THIS TIME IN EXTENDING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THIS EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE.
I GREET YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH FEELINGS OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED REGARD. (SIGNED) JOAQUIN BALAGUER, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."
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FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR FROM GOL SECSTATE:

"THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LIBERIA WITH GREAT CONSTERNATION AND HORROR. THIS IS A TRAGEDY FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"IT IS A SHAME THAT, IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, THREE OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE ASSASSIN'S BULLETS.

"WE CAN ONLY PRAY THAT THE MALADY OF VIOLENCE AND CONFUSION WHICH SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING THE WORLD CAN BE CURED SO THAT MAN MAY LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS.

"ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND SYMPATHY THROUGH YOU TO THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY FOR THE GREAT LOSS THAT HAS BEEN SUSTAINED BY THE SENATOR'S UNTIMELY DEATH. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OUR CONDOLENCE WERE ALSO CONVEYED TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY." BROWN

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 792

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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGES TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

2. FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. BEGIN TEXT MR. AMBASSADOR: THE GRAND DUCAL GOVERNMENT SHARES WITH PROFOUND AFFLICTION IN THE GRIEF THAT HAS JUST SO CRUELLY STRUCK THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT KENNEDY. WE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO YOU TO TRANSMIT OUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. WE ALSO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR ONE OF ITS SONS WHO TOOK TO HEART HIS MISSION AS A POLITICAL MAN WITH THE AIM OF HUMAN RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT. SENATOR KENNEDY ACCEPTED HIS POLITICAL DESTINY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A DEMOCRATIC AND FREE SOCIETY FROM WHICH VIOLENCE SHOULD BE BANISHED FOR THE SAKE OF PERMANENT AND TOLERANT CONFRONTATION OF IDEAS AND DOCTRINES. MAY THE SUPREME SACRIFICE THAT HE MADE IN THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY SERVE THE HUMAN IDEALS THAT HE SET FOR HIMSELF, AND FOR WHICH HE NEVER CEASED TO FIGHT. SIGNED, THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. END TEXT

3. FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF LUXEMBOURG, MONSIGNOR LEON LOMMEL, WHO WILL CELEBRATE A PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBERT KENNEDY, SATURDAY MORNING AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CATHEDRAL OF LUXEMBOURG: BEGIN TEXT WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD, WE MOURN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, INTREPID CHAMPION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. WE BEG YOU, EXCELLENCY, TO TRANSMIT TO HIS SORELY AFFLICTED WIFE AND FAMILY THE PROFOUND EXPRESSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES. WE PRAY AND HOPE THAT THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE GAVE HIS LIFE WILL NOT PERISH. SIGNED, LEON LOMMEL, BISHOP

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OF LUXEMBOURG. END TEXT

4. FROM THE LUXEMBOURG JEWISH COMMUNITY: BEGIN TEXT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LUXEMBOURG EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOSE MEMORY WILL ALWAYS STAY ALIVE IN THE HEARTS OF FREE MEN. SIGNED, EDMON ISRAEL, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LUXEMOURG. END TEXT

5. MANY MESSAGES ALSO BEING RECEIVED FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT AT LATER TIME.
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June 6, 1968

To : The Secretary
Through: S/S
From : INR - Thomas L. Hughes TLH

Subject: Hanoi's Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Kennedy

Hanoi has reacted to the news of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassination by hinting that the assassination was plotted by the US administration. Hanoi Radio referred to the crime as a "planned assassination," and said that "various factions of the US monopoly capitalist class have not hesitated to resort to bloodshed and fire to liquidate one another." It linked the assassination of the Senator to that of President Kennedy five years ago, adding that Senator Kennedy had been "the most redoubtable political opponent" of the administration. Although the official Hanoi spokesman in Paris stated that the assassination was an American "domestic question," members of the delegation voiced dark "suspicions" of a plot to newsmen. It is difficult to speculate whether or not Hanoi actually believes there is a plot -- as it might, to the extent that it sees conspiracy everywhere -- or whether it merely states this in order to make propaganda. We incline to believe the latter is the more important factor in its statements, though the former may play some role.

Press speculation that Hanoi may revamp its negotiations tactics because of the effect of the assassination on the US political outlook seems justified to a certain degree -- Hanoi may hope that the pattern of politically motivated assassination and general social unrest in the United States may lead to a greater US preoccupation with domestic matters and thus possibly force the US to soften its stand on the Vietnam issue. Hanoi doubtless also hopes that the

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pressures of the presidential campaign, particularly in such an atmosphere, will inhibit US military operations and soften our negotiations stand. While it recognizes the danger that domestic frustrations and uncertainties, or some coalescence of political sentiment, may prompt us to escalate the war rapidly in order to end it quickly, it probably believes that the principal effect will be a reduction in US interest in international issues, a consideration that may further affect the timing of its own negotiations strategy and tactics. The assassination may, in short, reinforce Hanoi's inclination to maintain a hard line in talks, while still holding the negotiations alternative open so as to restrain us from rapid escalation.

However, there is no basis for the press speculation that Hanoi might shift its stand -- presumably toward a softer position -- because it no longer sees the possibility that Senator Kennedy might become President. We do not believe that Hanoi has tied its own expectations to particular American candidates. It tends to regard all American leaders as members of the same political elite. It is keenly aware of differences between them, particularly with regard to Vietnam, but it does not believe that it can rely on them to act in accordance with Hanoi's wishes or even in accordance with their own earlier statements. Hanoi probably recalls that President Eisenhower, having promised peace in Korea, still insisted on Communist concessions on the key prisoner repatriation issue rather than yield on this point. Hanoi also probably recalls that President Kennedy began his administration by endorsing the Bay of Pigs effort, and that President Johnson sent American forces to Vietnam soon after the 1964 election. Hanoi is certainly sensitive to the fact that no US presidential candidate has committed

himself to a rapid or unilateral withdrawal from Vietnam, no matter how critical some candidates have been of present policies. Hanoi may hope that one or another presidential candidate might be more forthcoming than others, but it will not be inclined to count on such a development. It does not expect any American President, present or potential, to yield more in negotiations than the Communist forces have been able to win in the field.

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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING ARE INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS TELEGRAMS SENT JUNE 6 BY KING TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY FOLLOWING DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. BOTH MESSAGES RELEASED TO PRESS.

2. MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT:
QUOTE DEEPLY BEREAVED BY NEWS OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH, THE VICTIM OF A HEINOUS CRIME. WE SEND YOU OUR SAD CONDOLENCES AND ASK YOU TO BE OUR INTERPRETER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSURE THEM OF OUR SYMPATHY FOLLOWING THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR BRILLIANT CITIZENS UNQUOTE.

3. MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY:
QUOTE WE LEARNED WITH DISMAY THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, THE VICTIM OF AN ATTACK AGAINST HIS PERSON.

WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

WE ASK THAT GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND COURAGE DURING THIS HARD ORDEAL.

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Attention Mrs. Mullet
Keep this study together.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages of Condolence on Shooting and Death of Senator Kennedy

In addition to messages from Prime Minister Eshkol of Israel, Apostolic Delegate Raimondi, and President Pacheco of Uruguay referred by Mr. Bromley Smith on June 5, the Department has received messages for the President from President Sunay of Turkey, Governor General Michener of Canada, President Khama of Botswana, and Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State. All of these messages were dispatched before Senator Kennedy's death.

Copies of the Sunay, Michener, Khama, and Cicognani messages are enclosed.

Also enclosed is draft language which the Department recommends be used as appropriate in reply to these and subsequent messages. This recommendation supersedes that of the Department's memorandum (S/S 8316) of June 5.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a deep shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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TO USS CLAUDE JONES IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY

1. SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY EXPIRED 11:45 AM LOCAL TIME.

2. EMBASSY ALREADY FLYING FLAG HALF MAST AND SUGGESTS THAT FLAG RPT FLAG ON USS CLAUDE JONES BE FLOWN AT HALF MAST.

3. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MAKING AVAILABLE CONDOLENCE BOOK ON BOARD SHIP OR ON SHORE, IF DECIDED IN AFFIRMATIVE. ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE PLACED IN COAST EDITIONS OF EAST AFRICAN STANDARD, DAILY NATION, AND TAIFALEO.

4. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF SHIP'S PLANS.
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From William Bundy.

Please make every effort to reach McGeorge Bundy at the Mt. Kenya Safari Club in Nairobi to inform him that Senator Kennedy's funeral service will be Saturday morning at St. Patrick's in New York, with burial at Arlington on Saturday afternoon. Ask him to send back a message if I can help in any way on transportation in the event he returns.

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION: FURTHER REACTION

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1. REACTION OF SHOCK AND DISMAY DEEPENED WITH NEWS OF SEN. KENNEDY'S DEATH. CONTINUED EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC INTEREST MANIFESTED BY VERY COMPLETE PRESS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDITIONS) AND RADIO COVERAGE, EDITORIAL COMMENT, AND COMMENTS OF OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUALS TO EMB AND CONGEN OFFICERS.

2. WHEN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIM THIS MORNING IN CONNECTION OTHER MATTERS, AND BEFORE NEWS OF DEATH, FONSEC FOURIE EXPRESSED DEEP SYMPATHY ON BEHALF SAG AND SAID PRIMIN HAD SENT TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNEDY. (PRIMIN'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY, REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL, CARRIED IN FULL BY CAPE TIMES AND BURGER TODAY).

3. SPEAKER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TELEPHONED ME ON HIS OWN BEHALF AND THAT OF PARLIAMENT TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO SEN. KENNEDY'S FAMILY, AS WELL AS TOTHE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF US.

2. BOTH FULL TEXT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON SENATOR'S DEATH AND COMPLETE REPORT ON TELEVISION BROADCAST ON GUN TRAFFIC

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AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE CARRIED IN AFTERNOON ARGUS.

5. AMBASSADOR MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, SUPPLEMENTING EARLIER STATEMENT ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT: "THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY GRIEVES ME DEEPLY AS IT DOES ALL AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NOT ONLY AMERICA BUT WORLD IS POORER FOR LOSS THIS GREAT MAN WHOSE COURAGE, ABILITY AND DEEP DEDICATION TO WELL-BEING OF HUMANITY AND TO PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY WILL AWWAYS BE REMEMBERED". MY EARLIER STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS: "MY ASSOCIATES IN AMERICAN EMBASSY AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN SA HAVE JOINED ME IN PRAYERS OF ALL AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE ALL OVER WORLD, THE SEN. KENNEDY WILL SURVE THIS TRAGIC AND SHCOKING ATTEMPT UPON HIS LIFE AND THAT AMERICA WILL NOT BE DEPRIVED OF OUTSTANDING TALENT, ABILITY AND STATESMANSHIP OF THIS DISTINGUISHED LEADER. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AND SYMPATHY, AND OF GOOD WISHES FOR SEN. KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY, FROM LEADERS AND PEOPLE IN SA". BOTH STATEMENTS CARRIED WIDELY.

6. EMBASSY AND OTHER POSTS LOWERED FLAGS TO HALF-MAST WHEN NEWS FLASH ON DEATH RECEIVED, AND OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS THIS AFTERNOON.

7. AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEND, WITH OTHER OFFICERS, REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR AT ST. MARY'S RC CATHEDRAL TODAY.

8. ALL THREE CA E DAILY NEWSPAPERS, IN COVERING TRAGEDY, INCLUDE ARTICLES ON CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE IN WORLD AS MANIFESTED PARTICULARLY IN ASSASSINATIONS IN US. SHOCK WITH WHICH PROMINENT AMERICANS AND WORLD LEADERS REACTED COVERED IN DETAIL.

9. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 6 EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

A. DIE BURGER "ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION...MOVES SA MORE DEEPLY BECAUSE HE VISITED OUR COUNTRY AND BECAME EXTREMELY CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE". EXPRESSING SYMPATHY "ACROSS ALL DIFFERENCES" TO FAMILY, PAPER OBSERVED FAMILY "INSPIRED TEMPESTUOUS LOYALTY AND AVERSION, FAR OUTSIDE BORDERS OF US. THEY KNOW BLINDING SUCCESS AND IMMEASURABLE

TRAGEDY". DEED "HAS FLUNG US INTO TURMOIL FOR THIRD TIME IN FIVE YEARS". EDITORIAL MENTIONS POSSIBILITY OF CONSPIRACY BUT ALSO NOTE THAT "PAMPERED GRIEVANCES OF WARPED MIND ARE STIMULATED IN ATMOSPHERE OF TURMOIL AND TENSION THAT DEVELOPS AROUND PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE, EVEN TO EXTENT IT EVENTUALLY FINDS RELIEF THROUGH ACTION". THERE "NO DOUBT THIS DEED HAS SERVED TO STRENGTHEN IMAGE OF AMERICA AS VIOLENT COMMUNITY, WHERE LITERAL POLITICAL GANGSTERISM HAS CEASED TO CAUSE ASTONISHMENT" AND "PRIVATE POSSESSION OF ARMS TOO PLENTIFUL". CONCLUDES "WE CAN ONLY HOPE PASSIONS AROUSED BY CRUEL DEED WILL FIND ANCHORAGE WITHIN STRONG AND FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE. COUNTRY IS GOING THROUGH PERIOD OF ANXIETY AND TURBULENT EMOTIONS, IN WHICH SUCH OCCURRENCE COULD HAVE INCALCULABLE CONSEQUNECES".

B. CAPE ARGUS SAYS IT DIFFICULT OVERESTIMATE EFFECT OF DEATH ON US. CRIME WAS MORE THAN ONE ADDED TO ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING; IT "MULTIPLIES THOSE INCIDENTS TO SUGGEST REAL DANGER THEY ARE BECOMING PATTERN" IN US POLITICAL LIFE, AND GIVES IMMEDIACY TO DEATHS OF LINCOLN, GARFIELD AND MCKINLEY. CONTRASTS US "VIOLENCE IN DEEDS" WITH "HIGH IDEALISM IN SPEECH". DEPLORES EASE WITH WHICH FIREARMS PURCHASED IN US. NOTES NEED FOR AND RISK IN CANDIATES MINGLING WITH PUBLIC, IN COUNTRY WHERE "RICH ONLY ARE IN POSITION TO STAND FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND HAVE TO CONVINCE ELECTORATE THAT RICH IN SEARCH OF POWER EGALITARIAN AFTER ALL". NEED IS TO KEEP VIOLENCE OUT OF DOMESTIC POLITICS. "YET ASSAULT...APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED OFF BY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. CIVILIZED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT WORLD WILL DEPLORE IT AND REGARD IT AS TRAGIC REMINDER THAT RESORT TO POLITICAL ASSASSINATION HAS NO PLACE IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY".

C. CAPE TIMES SUGGESTS THAT IF THERE IS "UNIFYING PATTERN" IN ASSASSINATIONS OF PRES. KENNEDY, KING AND SEN. KENNEDY, IT NOT EASILY PERCEIVED. "IF WE COULD BELIEVE THERE WAS INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY IT COULD TO SOME EXTENT MAKE OUR FEARS BEARABLE BY POSTULATING A HUMAN ENEMY". BUT NO PATTERN SEEN, ALTHOUGH EDITORIAL NOTES ALL THREE CRIMES CARRIED OUT AGAINST "PERVASIVE" BACKGROUNG OF VIOLENCE, WHICH IS "MORAL FOG" PERMEATING WHOLE WORLD WE FORMERLY

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THOUGHT CIVILIZED. IN FACE OF ASSASSINATIONS "POLITICAL MAN CALLS FOR MORE AND MORE RUTHLESS POLICE OR GREATER AND GREATER CONCESSIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE USED COMMUNAL VIOLENCE. WHAT WORLD NEEDS IS PRIEST RATHER THAN POLICEMAN: FOR IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT MORAL SICKNESS PERVADING WORLD... IS SUBSTRATU FOR FANTASIES WHICH, IN THESE POOR CREATURES, HAVE LED TO CRAZY PRESSURE UPON TRIGGER OF GUN". TIMES ALSO CARRIES CARTOON SHOWING "RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS" PROVISION OF CONSTITUTION RIDDLED WITH BULLETS. ROUNTREE

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5868
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SUBJECT: KENNEDY DEATH

1. REACTION OF EDUCATED ETHIOPIANS TO FIRST NEWS OF SHOOTING WAS EXTREMELY BITTER, WITH ALL REGISTERING SEVERE PESSIMISM REGARDING VIOLENT COURSE U.S. SOCIETY AND SOME BRINGING UP PLOT THEORIES LINKING SENATOR KENNEDY'S SHOOTING TO SHOOTING OF DR. KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY FIVE YEARS AGO. IN THIS NEW, SHOOTING CALULATED ORGANIZED ATTACK ON LIBERALISM IN U.S.

2. TODAY, WITH NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH AND IDENTIFICATION OF ASSASSIN AS AN ALIEN, GENERAL REACTION HAS SHIFTED MUCH MORE TO GENUINE SYMPATHY. VIEW IS THAT U.S. HAS SUSTAINED GREAT LOSS, BUT BITTERNESS HAS FADED.

3. MEDIA REACTION BY USINFO.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1114

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PLEASE PASS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO MRS. R.F. KENNEDY: QUOTE MY WIFE AND I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. EXACTLY TWO YEARS AGO BOTH OF YOU WERE IN SOUTH AFRICA ON A VISIT WHICH INSPIRED SO MANY. HIS EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY, HIS GREAT CHARM AND HIS ABSOLUTE DEDICATION TO HUMAN WELFARE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH MOURNS HIS PASSING. WILLIAM M. ROUNTREE, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE. ROUNTREE

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, WHICH I HAVE ISSUED HERE, TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY FOR THE WIFE, PARENTS AND FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY: "THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IS A TRAGIC BLOW TO ALL OF US -- TO AMERICANS, TO THE WORLD. HE AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY WERE RARE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LIVES WERE IDENTIFIED WITH THE ASPIRATIONSOF ALL MEN FOR A BETTER WAY OF LIVING. WE CAN ILL AFFORD THE LOSS OF MEN OF THEIR COMPASSION, INTELLIGENCE, PRODUCTIVE ENERGY. THEY GAVE OF THEIR TIME AS FEW MEN DO. ONE HOPES THAT OUT OF THIS TREMENDOUS TRAGEDY, SOMEHOW SOME GOOD MAY COME, THAT WE WILL SEE A NEW AWAKENING TO THE DANGERS TO CIVILIZATION OF THE GROWING VIOLENCE SO WIDESPREAD TODAY." HART

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5706

UNCLAS AMMAN 5219

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM GOJ FOREIGN MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM GOJ FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I TO AMBASSADOR RECEIVED JUNE 6:

QUOTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY, AT THE SHOCKING DEATH OF LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY ALLOW ME, MR. AMBASSADOR, TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT. LATE SENATOR KENNEDY SHALL BE EVER REMEMBERED FOR HIS VALUABLE AND SPLENDID CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOFTY PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND PEACE.

"PLEASE EXCELLENCY, BE KIND ENOUGH AS TO CONVEY TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OUR HEARTFELT FEELINGS FOR THEIR TRAGIC LOSS WHICH WE SINCERELY SHARE. ABDUL MONEM RIFAI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS END QUOTE.
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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2490

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1. FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TEXT OF MESSAGE CABLED DIRECTLY TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY LAST NIGHT BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR: QUOTE - DANS LA CRUELLE EPREUVE QUI FRAPPE EN LA PERSONNE DU SENATEUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY TOUTE VOTRE FAMILLE ET LA NATION AMERICAINE JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER POUR MONSIEUR ROBERT KENNEDY ET POUR VOUS MEME L'EXPRESSION DE MA TRISTE SYMPATHIE - UNQUOTE

2. FRENCH TEXT OF SECOND TELEGRAM SENT BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO MRS. KENNEDY THIS MORNING IS: QUOTE - JE VIENS D'APPRENDRE QUE LE SENATEUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY N'EST PLUS. VOTRE DEUIL EST AUSSI NOTRE DEUIL CAR ROBERT KENNEDY A TOUJOURS DEFENDU LA LIBERTE ET LA DIGNITE DES NOIRS. LE PEUPLE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT SENAGALAIS SE JOIGNENT A MOI POUR VOUS DEMANDER D'AGREER NOS CONDOLEANCES ATTRISTEES. UNQUOTE
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DONNELLY FROM HELLER

DOD FOR GOULDING

PARIS USDEL FOR JORDEN

1. FOLLOWING IS STATMENT ISSUED JUNE 6 BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER REGARDING DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY:

2. QTE IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I HAVE JUST HEARD OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. OUR NATION HAS LOST AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT, ONE WHO HAS PERFORMED WITH DISTINCTION AND PATRIOTISM. LIKE ALL AMERICANS I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED AT THE SENSELESS RESORT TO VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF REASON THAT BROUGHT ABOUT HIS TRAGIC DEATH. I SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, AND EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THEM IN THEIR PERIOD OF SORROW. UNQTE
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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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FOR DONNELLEY FROM HELLER

PARIS USDEL FOR JORDEN

1. PRESS CENTER TODAY RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR BUNKER:

2. QTE. LIKE ALL AMERICANS, I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE TRAGIC SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THE SENSELESS RESORT TO VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF REASON IN OUR SOCIETY IS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN ON THE PART OF ALL OF US. AS A FRIEND AND AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, I PRAY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEEDY RECOVERY AND THAT HE MAY RESUME THE CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE HE HAS PERFORMED WITH SUCH DISTINCTION. UNQTE.
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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2466

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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MARCOS' STATEMENTS ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. IN TELEVISION APPEARANCE JUNE 6 PRESIDENT MARCOS MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE TRAGIC END OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S BRILLIANT AND DEDICATED CAREER COMES AS A GRIM REMINDER TO A WORLD FRAUGHT WITH CONFLICT AND DISSENSION THAT IT MUST SEEK NEW VALUES.

"THERE IS NEED FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT OF ALL HUMANITY TO FIGHT THE SPIRITUAL EROSION THAT HAS CAUSED ALL NATIONS SUCH A GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY, NOT TO SPEAK OF THE PEACE AND SECARITY THAT MAN VALUES ABOVE ALL THINGS.

"I, PERSONALLY, AND THE ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION DEEPLY GRIEVE THE LOSS OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND SHARE WITH HIS FAMILY AND PEOPLE THEIR SORROW. AND WE PRAY THAT THE ANGUISH THAT THEY NOW ENDURE BE IN SOME MEASURE ALLEVIATED BY THE AWAKENED CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WORLD, THAT MEN MUST UNITE TO REESTABLISH ORDER, THAT A SPREADING PSYCHOSIS MUST BE STOPPED, AND THAT ALL MANKIND SHOULD LEARN TO MAKE PEACE WITH ITSELF."

2. PRESIDENT MARCOS ALSO SENT MESSAGES EXPRESSING SORROW AND CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. JOSEPH KENNEDY, AND SENATOR AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY.

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FM AMBASSADOR CYRILLA ADOULA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

I WAS APPALLED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENTOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES, WHICH I SEND YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

HIGH CONSIDERATION
AMBASSADOR ADOULA

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FM DR JACQUES BAROUM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/FORT/LAMY
TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHDC

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NO. 58/AFF.ET/. PROTO. HAVING LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS MY VERY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND BEG YOU TO CONVEY TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY THAT WITH DEEP SORROW I SHARE THEIR GRIEF.

DR. JACQUES BAROUM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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FM FOREIGN OFFICE/FORTLAMY/CHAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HAVING LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND REQUEST THAT YOU COVEY TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.

DR. JACQUES BAROUM

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFARIS

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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2487

UNCLAS KINGSTON 2573

SIR CLIFFORD CAMPBELL, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, HAS REQUESTED ME TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: "THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA MOURN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND BEG TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MRS. KENNEDY, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY AND ALL THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCE IN THIS CRUEL AND WANTON ASSASSINATION OF THE SENATOR." TOBRINER

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2774
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AMEMBASSY BAIDA

POL 6-2 US/ Kennedy Robert F.

Tripoli 3879 June 6, 68

UNCLAS TRIPOLI 3879

1. IN UNUSUAL GESTURE OF INTEREST, FRIENDSHIP, AND SYMPATHY, SERIES OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT CALLED INDIVIDUALLY AT EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON TO SIGN BOOK OPENED IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

2. ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAAMID AL-ABAYDI WROTE THAT HE QTE EXPRESSES HIS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES UNQTE. ACTING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SHAMS AL-DIIN ALL- ARAABI; MAJOR GENERAL SAALIM BIN TAALIB, COMMANDING GENERAL SECURITY FORCES OF WESTERN REGIONS; BRIG GEN 'ALI AGHIIL, DEPUTY CG SECURITY FORCES; FORMER MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRESENT AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO TURKEY, AHMAD AL-BISHTI; UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MUHSIN JUMAYYIR; AND FORMER MINISTER DEFENSE, SAIF AL-NASR 'ABD AL-JALIIL, SIGNED BOOK. MINISTER INFORMATION AND CULTURE AHMAD SALHIIN WROTE QTE I PRESENT MY CONDOLENCES ON OCCASION DEATH OF PROMINENT PERSONALITY OF US...WHO WAS AMONG PERSONALITIES OF WORLD WHO WANTED TO SERVE US, THE WORLD, AND PEACE. MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE US.UNQTE

3. ACTING PRIME MINISTER STATED ORALLY HE HAD INFORMED KING IDRIS OF SENATOR'S DEATH THIS MORNING, AND REPORTED THAT HIS MAJESTY HAD INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING A PERSONAL LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

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4. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AL-RIDHA DES-

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PATCHED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SIGN BOOK QTE TO CONVEY CONDOLENCES OF HIS HIGHNESS ON OCCASION OF DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.UNQTE NEWSOM

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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4623

UNCLAS CARACAS 6129

JOINT EMBASSY/USIA MESSAGE

FOLLOWING TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S TELEVISED STATEMENT FOR NEWS MEDIA JUNE 6:

1. QUOTE IT WAS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT I LEARNED EARLY THIS MORNING THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD DIED. I FIND IT HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS THE HORROR AND REVULSION WHICH THIS SAVAGE ACT OF VIOLENCE HAS INSPIRED IN ME, AS IN ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. SENATOR KENNEDY WAS A VALIANT CHAMPION IN THE NEVER-ENDING STRUGGLE TO GIVE TRUE MEANING TO THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND TO PROMOTE THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR ALL MANKIND. WE SHALL MISS HIM SORELY.

2. IN THIS MOMENT OF TERROR, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY. I KNOW THAT I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF EVERY AMERICAN IN VENEZUELA WHEN I EXTEND TO MRS. KENNEDY AND TO HER CHILDREN OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR HER TRAGIC LOSS.

3. IT WOULD SEEM PREMATURE TO COME TO ANY CONCUSION REGARDING THE NATURE OF THIS ASSASSINATION. SINCE THE ASSASSIN WAS APPREHENDED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS TERRIBLE CRIME.

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4. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD BE BEST TO

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SUSPEND SPECULATION ABOUT THE MOTIVES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS SENSELESS MURDER UNTIL THE TRUE FACTS ARE KNOWN UNQUOTE.

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ACTION: His Excellency

The Most Reverend

Terence J. Cook, D.D.

Archbishop of New York

452 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10022

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I am designating Assistant Chief of Protocol Mr. George W. Abell as my personal representative in New York City to coordinate with your office all funeral arrangements involving the Diplomatic Corps and special international delegations. He will be assisted by my Public Affairs Officer David Waters.

Mr. Abell will endeavor to call on you this afternoon and will make his headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

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Angier Biddle Duke
Chief of Protocol
Department of State

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Hyannisport, Mass.

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Following message received from Embassy Dar es Salaam: "Deepest loving sympathy to you and all your family. Elsie and Cecil Lyon."

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Nicholas Feld
Country Director for
East African Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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1. IN PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT LOCAL REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES RESPONSIBLE LIBYANS AND PALESTINIANS ARE SHOCKED AT REPETITION VIOLENCE IN U.S. AND ASHAMED AT INVOLVEMENT PERSONS OF ARAB ORIGIN. INITIAL REACTION (BEFORE IDENTITY ASSAILANT WAS KNOWN) WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. SOCIETY AS COMMUNITY IN WHICH VIOLENCE HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE. POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS LIBYANS ARE EXPECTED TO VIEW EVENT AS SERIOUS BLOW TO ARAB POSITION IN U.S. AND TO BELIEVE THAT SHOOTING WILL ENCOURAGE ANTI-ARAB SENTIMENT AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE.

2. SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ON ISRAEL HAVE BE VIEWED LOCALLY SUPPORTING ZIONIST CAUSE. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TEMPER NATURAL SYMPATHY MANY ELEMENTS LIBYAN POPULATION WILL FEEL ON RECEIVING NEWS OF TRAGEDY. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONVEYED OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES TO EMBASSY.

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EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
2209 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to request that the following message from the Prime Minister and People of Trinidad and Tobago be transmitted to the widow of Senator Robert Kennedy:

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"Greatly saddened by untimely death
of Senator Robert Kennedy.
World has lost a courageous man
dedicated to the pursuit of peace
and social justice."

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

EMBASSY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1968
Washington, D.C.

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EMBASSY OF SOUTH AFRICA
AMBASSADE VAN SUID-AFRIKA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

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June 6, 1968.

Dear Mr Secretary,

It was with deep regret that we heard the very sad news today that Senator Kennedy had passed away. I hasten to extend on behalf of the Government and the people of South Africa their sincere sympathy with the United States Government and people in the tragic loss of one of their most eminent citizens.

I have written to Mrs Kennedy expressing South Africa's deepest sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

H.L.T. TASWELL
AMBASSADOR

The Honourable
Dean Rusk,
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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REF: OTTAWA 1786

1. TEXT PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S STATEMENT IN EDMONTON THIS MORNING AS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY FROM PRIMIN'S OTTAWA OFFICE:

2. QUOTE I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRIEF TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND TO HIS FRIENDS FOR THIS VERY TRAGIC HAPPENING. I WANT TO ADD A PRAYER THAT HE WILL COME THROUGH THIS SAFELY AND THAT THE OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE HURT WILL ALSO BE BETTER SOON, AND WE ARE PRAYING FOR THEM.

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3. QUOTE I WAS NATURALLY SHOCKED, AS ALL THE CANADIAN PEOPLE WERE SHOCKED, AT THIS EVENT, AND I HOPE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT CANADIANS ARE VERY CLOSE TO THEM IN THEIR FEELINGS AND THAT WE ARE IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THIS TRAGIC HAPPENING. ALL OF US HOPE THAT THE WORLD WILL PROGRESS AS QUICKLY AS IT CAN TOWARD A STATE WHERE VIOLENCE WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED AND WHERE REASON WILL PREVAIL IN ALL POLITICAL DECISIONS. I WANT TO REPEAT ONCE AGAIN THAT IT IS ONLY GRIEF WHICH IS WITH US NOW. END QUOTE

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June 5, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

The Botswana nation and myself have learned with deepest shock and horror of the senseless attempt on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy. Please accept from me and on behalf of the Government and the people of Botswana our deepest sympathy to you, the Government and the people of the United States and the family of Senator Robert Kennedy. May his life be spared.

Sir Seretse Khama
President of the
Republic of Botswana

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AF - Mr. Quimby
S/S - Mr. Parker
AFS - Mr. Campbell

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3256
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UNCLAS OTTAWA 1792

SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. FIRST EDITORIALS AVAILABLE THIS AFTERNOON EMPHASIZED SYMPATHY FOR FAMILY AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR SENATOR'S RECOVERY, BUT QUESTIONED WHAT IS HAPPENING TO AMERICAN SOCIEYT. COMMMENTS ALSO UNDERSCORE NEED FOR GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION.

2. OTTAWA'S FRENCH-LANGUAGE LE DROIT RECALLED KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS AND RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PUBLIC FIGURES. PAPER ASKED TO WHAT POINT SOCIAL DISTURBANCES IN US CAN DRIVE PEOPLE TO SUCH IRRATIONAL ACTS.

3. OTTAWA JOURNAL TERMED SHOOTING AS BLOW AGAINST ALL SOCIETY BUT CHARGED THAT FRAIL NATURE OF PROTECTION OF PUBLIC FIGURES AND EXTREMISM IN POLITICS MAKE ALMOST CRIMINAL LACK OF CONTROL OF FIREARMS. JOURNAL ADDED THAT ALL CANADIANS JOIN IN PRES. JOHNSON'S EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO KENNEDY FAMILY AND IN HIS PRAYER FOR END TO SUCH HORRORS OF VIOLENCE. OTTAWA CITIZEN SAID ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THREATENS PROCESS OF DEMOCRACY IN US. CITIZEN SAID US SOCIETY CANNOT ENDURE IF POLITICIANS QTE IN MINGLING WITH PEOPLE, WALK UNDER THE SHADOW OF DEATH UNQTE.

4. IN EXTREMELY HOSTILE EDITORIAL TORONTO DAILY STAR ASKED QTE HOW LONG WILL US LIVE BY THE GUN? UNQTE STAR SAID US IS SICK SOCIETY DISEASED BY PERVASIVE IDEA THAT PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES CAN BE SOLVED BY VIOLENCE. EDITORIAL ADDED AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY DOES NOT ESCAPE THE DISEASE, ASSERT-

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ING THAT A REVOLUTION ANYWHERE IN NON-COMMUNIST WORLD IS LIKELY BE SUPPRESSED BY AMERICAN ARMS IF DEEMED HOSTILE TO AMERICAN INTERESTS. STAR CONCLUDED IT MISTAKE FOR ANY GOVT TO TREAT US AS IF IT WERE A COUNTRY IN NORMAL STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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1. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL AND SENSELESS ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY, WHICH IS A CAUSE FOR DEEP CONCERN TO AMERICANS EVERYWHERE. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE SENATOR, HIS FAMILY, AND THE OTHER VICTIMS. THERE IS NOTHING I NEED ADD TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT EARLIER TODAY, EXCEPT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION FOR THE NUMEROUS EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS. END QUOTE
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SUBJ: REACTION TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU, WHO CAMPAIGNING IN EDMONTON, EXPRESSED SHOCK AND SORROW. PRIMIN'S OFFICE INFORMED EMB TRUDEAU MAKING FULL STATEMENT LATER TODAY. HIS PLANE NOW ENROUTE FROM EDMONTON TO MONTREAL WITH LIKELIHOOD THAT STATEMENT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNITL AFTERNOON.

2. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD, CAMPAIGNING IN NEW BRUNSWICK, TERMED SHOOTING SENSELESS. HE SAID IT ILLUSTRATES TYPE OF VIOLENCE WHICH THREATENS WESTERN SOCIETY.

3. EXTAFFMIN SHARP, CAMPAIGNING IN TORONTO, SAID NEWS OF SHOOTING IS SO HORRIBLE AS TO MAKE FURTHER COMMENT SUPERFLUOUS. HE ADDED ALL CANADA JOINS IN PRAYING WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY OF THE SENATOR.

4. EMB HAS RECEI ED A DOZEN INQUIRIES DURING FIRST HOUR OF BUSINESS THIS MORNING, INCLUDING EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FROM ANGLICAN BISHOP REED OF OTTAWA. BUTTERWORTH

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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4174

UNCLAS QUITO 4748

SUBJ: FONMIN OFFERS SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY SHOOTING

FONMIN LARREA PHONED CHARGE MID-MORNING JUNE 5 TO EXPRESS "BOTH PERSONALLY AND OFFICIALLY" HIS SHOCK AT THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AND TO OFFER HIS SYMPATHY TO THE USG AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY.
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PM AND FONMIN CALLED PERSONALLY EXPRESS PROFOUND SHOCK AND SYMPATHY FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GAMBIA, ON HEARING TRAGIC NEWS FROM LA REQUESTED FORGOING BE CONVEYED SENATORS FAMILY USGOVT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES OTHERS WOUNDED. LOUGHRAN

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FOLLOWING TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR FROM CARDINAL CICOGNANI, VATICAN SECRETARY OF STATE:

"YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"ONCE AGAIN VIOLENCE HAS REARED ITS UGLY HEAD, AND THE UNITED STATES IS SHOCKED.

WE SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU AND WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS GRAND NATION WHICH YOU REPRESENT HERE IN ITALY BECAUSE VIOLENCE HAS BEEN UNLEASHED AS A MEANS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES.

"A NATION WHICH HAS BEEN THE EXEMPLAR OF DEMOCRACY IS NOW SADDENED BECAUSE UNCIVILIZED METHODS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO BLUR THE IMAGE OF A GREAT COUNTRY. WE PRAY THAT THIS NEW INSTANCE OF VIOLENCE AND TERROR WILL STIR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO RENOUNCE SUCH ATTACKS AND TO UNITE TO MAKE THE FORCES OF EVIL COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE. THE HOLYFATHER DEPLORES SUCH MEANS AND IS SADDENED BY THE REPORTS OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE OFFERS HIS PRAYERS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY BE SPARED AND THAT THE NATION RISE FROM THIS TRAGIC EVENT MORE RESOLVED TO PUT AN END TO VIOLENT MEANS. SINCERELY YOURS,
A. G. CARDINAL CICOGNANI"

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AMBASSADOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE FROM CICOGNANI AND SAID HE WOULD PASS IT ON TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

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FROM AMBASSADOR

I HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TUBMAN WHICH INCLUDES FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH CONCERNING SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY:
QUOTE:
AGAIN I EXPRESS TO YOU AND TO YOUR GOVERNMENT SYMPATHY FOR THE SHOCK AND HORROR THAT HAS MET YOU IN THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT.
END QUOTE. BROWN

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Dear Ethel:

Virginia and I are deeply distressed about Bobby. He is in our constant thoughts and prayers as are you and the children. Please let me know if there is anything that I can possibly do for you.

~~We send you our love and affection.~~

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ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS, AMBASSADOR YANNAKAKIS, DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, CALLED ON ME JUNE 6 TO EXPRESS GREEK GOVERNMENT'S CONDOLENCES TO USG AND AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. EMISSARY EXPRESSED ANTICIPATED SENTIMENTS AND ADDED PRIME MINISTER'S PROFOUND HOPES FOR SUCCESS OF AMERICANS IN MEETING CURRENT TROUBLES. HE ASKED THAT THIS MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT.

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1. DURING NEW PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTER OSWALDO HERCELLES' MEETING WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HE EXPRESSED TO CHARGE PROFOUND SORROW, PERSONALLY AND FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, OVER THE TRAGIC ATTACK ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE TOLD CHARGE ALSO THAT PRESIDENT BELAUNDE HAD SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION MADE THEIR OWN EXPRESSIONS OF SORROW OVER THIS TRAGIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING CALLS ALL DAY FROM POLITICAL LEADERS, OTHER PERSONALITIES AND ORDINARY PERUVIAN CITIZENS.
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Attention Mrs. Mullett
Keep this study together.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Replies to Messages of Condolence on the Shooting of Senator Kennedy

The Department proposes the enclosed language for reply to messages of condolence to the President from foreign dignitaries on the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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On behalf of the American people I want to express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy on the tragic attack on Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

Lyndon B. Johnson